

## PARISH BOOKS in O.R.E.

### **I Like Being in Parish Ministry: Pastoral Council**

Mark Fischer

The author extends a straightforward invitation to pastoral parish council members and those thinking of being a part of the council to be informed participants. With practical suggestions and clear definitions, he opens the window on the spiritual as well as the action dimensions of this ministry. **12.FISC**

### **Tomorrow's Parish: Choosing Your Future**

Archdiocese of Chicago, 1998

This workbook contains important bench-marks, evaluation models and numerical reference points that are the planning tools of 'Tomorrow's Parish'. They represent the direction toward which the Church aspires in parish life and are meant to be a source of energy for renewed effort. **36.ARCH**

### **Creating Small Faith Communities**

Arthur Baranowski

St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1988

This is the story of a pastor's vision of Church and a parish's journey to renewal. Fr. Baranowski brought the church into the homes of his people by restructuring his parish into Small Basic Christian Communities. The people of his parish do not just *go to* church, they *are* church. **36.BARA**

### **The Parish of the Next Millennium**

William J. Bausch

Twenty Third Publications, 1997

Fr. Bausch is a gifted author who summarizes the social and cultural forces that shape our lives and our church by pulling together current research and issues that indicate where we are and where we might be going. A great resource to help individuals and groups discern the current movements in their parish and to begin planning the kind of spiritual and operational posture their parish should take on in the future.

**36.BAUS**

### **The Hands-On Parish**

William J. Bausch

Twenty Third Publications, 1989

A book of practical ideas - tried and tested ideas that have worked - to build and foster parish community. The book gives an agenda for the parish of today *and* tomorrow, along with basic concepts that will help bring it about. Most importantly, this is a book to help pastoral ministers, whether clerical or lay, to gather people into a practical, shared and collaborative ministry. **36.BAUS**

### **The Total Parish Manual**

William J. Bausch

Twenty Third Publications, 1996

In this innovative, imaginative, and empowering work, Fr. Bausch shares ways to make today's parish a vibrant and collaborative community. Filled with anecdotes, descriptions, examples and step-by-step procedures to help the reader implement the ideas expressed in this book. For all who work in any type of parish ministry. **36.BAUS**

### **Facilitating with Ease!**

Ingrid Bens

Jossey-Bass Inc. Publishers, 2000

Now anyone can become a great facilitator. If you need to facilitate productive, effective meetings with skill and authority, then this package is definitely for you. It contains the same easy-to-follow instructions, techniques, and hands-on tools the author has used to teach thousands of team leaders, consultants, supervisors, and beginning managers how to facilitate with ease. Complete with worksheets on CD-Rom that can be customized to fit your personal needs, it's a complete facilitation workshop in

take-home form. **36.BENS**

**Creating a Partnership in Faith** (Catholic Family Series)

Thomas Bright & John Roberto

Don Bosco Multimedia, 1992

Designed as a planning tool with specific program ideas and resource listings organized around the six ways of sharing faith and the family life cycle. A resource for the entire parish staff or parish council to develop an overall parish partnership plan. **36.BRIG**

**The Search for Christian Unity**

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, 2002

A major new resource for ecumenical dialogue, which seeks to make the Vatican's *Directory* more accessible. Chapters examine the Catholic Church's commitment to Christian unity; official structure which support this; education, formation and worship; and the practical details of Christians working, witnessing and sharing in dialogue together. **36.CBCEW**

**Justification by Faith Through Grace**

CCCB

Concacan, 1999

Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification. Study Resources for Congregations and Parishes.

**36.CCCB**

**The Parish Pastoral Council**

CCCB, 1984

Guidelines for the development of constitutions. **36.CCCB**

**Generations of Faith**

Canadian Ministry Development

An innovative approach to parish faith formation that involves all generations in learning and growing together through their experience and participation in church life. Includes introductory video. **36.CMD**

**Making Your Pastoral Council Work: A Planning Guide for Parishes**

Ron Cork

Novalis, 2007

An essential tool for all those involved in the ongoing life of a Catholic parish. This hands-on, user-friendly resource for parish councils is filled with how-to's, worksheets, charts and concrete examples. Whether your pastoral council is well established or brand new, whether your parish is large or small, rural or urban, this book will help your council to plan well and be effective. **36.CORK**

**Developing a Vibrant Parish Pastoral Council**

Edited by Arthur X. Deegan, II

Paulist Press, 1995

This book offers theological rationale and practical procedures for organizing pastoral councils on a grassroots level. It brings together some of the best people in the field to reflect on the purpose, potential problems and the exciting promise of collegial parish leadership. **36.DEEG**

**The Complete Parish**

Thomas Gull

GIA Publications, 2003

In this book you will find that you probably have all the right data in your parish to do wonderful ministry without spending extra dollars and extra time. You will also find keys to unlock all these various files in order to develop, fund, explain, publicize and change your parish for the better. **36.GULL**

**Parish Activities Handbook**

Owen Meredith

Twenty Third Publications, 1996

A thoroughly practical book which provides experienced staff and inexperienced volunteers with the essential information needed to make improvements in organizing a parish census; preparing for a major fund-raising campaign; creating an outdoor bulletin board, etc. The nine chapters cover all aspects of parish life, including: parish councils, administration and stewardship, communications, education and formation, family life, parish life activities, social action, worship and spiritual life and parish missionary activities. **36.MERE**

**Together As Parish**

Dolores A. Mortimer

Ave Maria Press, 1992

A unique and complete approach to reaching out to families, to supporting and nourishing them within the parish. Parent Support Groups, Mother’s Morning Out, Days of Recollection, Marriage Enrichment Evenings, and Parish/Family Celebrations are just a few of this treasure trove of ideas. Easily implemented and/or adapted to specific needs and situations, it involves the whole parish in helping young families to become an active vital part of church life. **36.MORT**

**Together As Parish - Family Book 36.MORT**

**We Miss You: An Outreach Program for Inactive Catholics**

*We Miss You* outlines a complete outreach program to inactive Catholics, developed by Omaha Archdiocesan Commission on Evangelization. From team training to strategy planning, small group sessions to parish involvement, including referral networks, *We Miss You* provides all the elements needed for designing and implementing a successful outreach to inactive Catholics. More than 70 pages of reproducible material to support these outreach activities: scripts for public service announcements, press releases, lesson plans and handouts for six support group meetings, and more. **36.OUTR**

**The Small Rural Parish**

Bernard Quinn

The Parish Project, 1980

In this book Father Quinn looks specifically at the small rural parish and draws on experience largely in areas where Catholics are a minority. The author’s viewpoint includes as part of parish life the development of people, the ecumenical aspects of ministry, and the necessary foundation of parish ministry in increasingly conscious faith. The book also emphasized the relationship between parish *community* and the *mission* of the church. **36.QUIN**

**The Practical Guide for Parish Councils**

William J. Rademacher

Twenty Third Publications

Rev. Rademacher has distilled and organized the key elements of every essential parish council topic and presented these through readable language and concrete examples for everyone involved in parish work. *The Practical Guide...* explains the nature and purpose of parish councils, their relationship to the People of God, diverse ministries in councils, functions, pastoral ministry, mission, committee systems, member selection, efficient and satisfying meetings, goal-setting, growth in holiness, accountability and evaluation. **36.RADE**

**How to Establish a Parish Council**

A step-by-step program for setting up parish councils. **36.RYAN**

### **Leadership in a Successful Parish**

Thomas Sweetser, S.J. & Carol Wisniewski Holden

Harper & Row Publishers Inc., 1987

Based on the authors' extensive research and experience, *Leadership...* offers clear, specific ideas for strengthening parish leadership skills. Sweetser and Holden - define the structure and workings of parish staffs and councils - provide models for more effective structures and efficient operation of a parish - identify ways to more fully involve laity in parish life and work - outline methods by which a parish can build a successful ministry team - offer helpful lists of "do's" and "don't's" that increase productivity. This book offers sound guidance to all church leaders who want to develop structures, liturgies and programs that accurately reflect their parish's priorities and goals. **36.SWEET**

### **The Parish in Crisis**

Radical change is required of the parish if it is to survive as a Christian institution in urban society. This book makes clear why such change must come and suggests forms it may take in the structure and administration of the parish, in its worship and social life, and in its relationship to the world around it.

**36.VARI**

### **Go! Do the Same**

Nancy Vendura, C.S.J.

Paulist Press, 1992

Sr. Vendura has provided a practical guide for following through on the words of Jesus, "Go! Do The Same." Here are new, exciting ideas for parishes to implement in reaching out with compassion to the grieving, the homebound, the poor and the alienated. Sr. Vendura tells the reader: how to start an Outreach Program; how to recruit volunteers; how to locate people in need; how to minister to them. Included in this book are all the forms and invitations one would need to implement this highly original but simple program. **36.VEND**

### **A Catechumenate Needs Everybody**

Edited by James A. Wilde

Liturgy Training Publications, 1988

Seven ministries for everyone in the parish - evangelization, hospitality, Sunday assembly, prayer, discernment, peace and justice, catechist - make the first seven chapters of this workbook necessary study for all. Thirteen other chapters - catechumen, sponsor coordinator, sponsor, catechumenate director, ordained presider; lay presider, deacon, bishop, spiritual director, homilist, liturgist, musician, mystagogue - benefit specific people or groups. Practical suggestions and difficult questions are discussed in relation to the mystery of God's love in Christ. **36.WILDE**

### **Parish Catechumenate: Pastors, Presiders, Preachers**

Edited by James A. Wilde

The authors offer sound guidelines for that baptismal renewal to which the scriptures and the Second Vatican Council call every person and every parish. **36.WILDE**

## **BOOKS ON PARISHES IN THE LITURGY OFFICE**

### **Preparing Morning and Evening Prayer**

By: James Richards

**PUBLISHER:** Novalis

The Church's tradition of communal praise and petition in the morning and evening is enjoying a revival today as scholars and practitioners alike discover the riches of the cathedral-style office of the parish community. Simplicity, repetition and rich use of symbol characterize this liturgy. Readers will understand how cathedral-style morning and evening prayer work, and how to help their parishes learn to celebrate and love this ancient form of common prayer. **BOOK #13.013M**

### **New Bells for New Steeples: Communication Strategies-Building Parish Community**

By: Jay Cormier

**PUBLISHER:** Sheed and Ward

This book is designed to help pastors and ministers "connect" with their parish communities through new technologies and recent research in communications. In sum, it is a communications "handbook," designed to give pastors: an understanding of the communication process; a vision of today's parish community as a "community of communities," with tips for the most effective ways to communicate with each group; and practical strategies for building parish community through effective communications techniques. **BOOK # 13.067**

### **Leadership in a Successful Parish**

By: Thomas Sweetser, SJ; Carol Holden

**PUBLISHER:** Harper and Row

This book offers clear, specific ideas for strengthening parish leadership skills. It defines the structure and workings of parish staffs and councils; provides models for more effective structures and efficient operation of a parish; identifies ways to more fully involve laity in parish life and work; outlines methods by which a parish can build a successful ministry team; and offers helpful lists of "do's" and "don'ts" that increase productivity. **BOOK # 13.068**

### **New Practical Guide to Parish Councils**

By: William J. Rademacher

**PUBLISHER:** Twenty Third Publications

This guide presents the importance of consultation in the Church, as well as of helping your council to grown in holiness. The council/committee system is invaluable for members of all parish committees not just the Parish Council. Included is extensive information on how to form a good parish pastoral council, methods for the selection of council members guidelines for pastoral planning, and ideas for organizing more satisfying meetings. **BOOK #13.070**

### **The Reconciling Parish: A Process for Returning or Alienated Catholics**

By: Patrick J. Brennan

**PUBLISHER:** Tabor

In this resource book for parish staffs and leaders, Fr. Brennan addresses a subject that is often laden with difficulty - a need for parishes to engage in a ministry of reconciliation to returning and alienated Catholics. This thought-provoking analysis recommends a blending of the RCIA and the ancient Order of Penitents into a Remember, Return and Rebirth process that gives greater care and ministry to the hurt or alienated members of the Church. **BOOK #13.071**

## VIDEOS ON PARISH MINISTRY IN O.R.E.

### WHAT IS PARISH?

**SPEAKER:** Richard McBrien

**PUBLISHED:** Argus Communications (1985)

A three-part program which facilitates discussion of practical ideas for involving participants in leadership development and in a deeper understanding of what it means to be a member of a church. The program includes:

- 1) What is a Local Church?
- 2) What is the Mission of a Parish?
- 3) What is a Good Parish?

**GUIDE. LENGTH:** Three 40-min. segments **VID#:** 21.701

### RE-IMAGING THE PARISH

**SPEAKER:** Patrick J. Brennan

**PUBLISHED:** Paulist Press

What will the Catholic parish look like in 5 years? 20 years? 100 years? The answers you'll find here may excite and inspire you! Exciting changes are transforming the parish at a pace that is leaving many people confused and worried. Brennan's comprehensive overview of national trends clearly shows that most of the parish news is GOOD news! You'll see who the emergence of adult faith is redefining traditional communities of worship. And, you'll get the encouragement you need to prepare your parish to face the future! **VID#:** 21.704

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

**PUBLISHED:** ACTA Publications (1989)

This training program was developed in conjunction with the Office of Parish Pastoral Councils of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It covers four major areas that are critical to the successful formation and operation of a parish pastoral council. The program consists of two 2-hour videotapes, divided into four 1-hour sessions. At the end of each session are questions and answers between the trainers and members of a typical parish pastoral council. A Discussion Guide offers points to remember and questions for discussion so that those watching the tape can reflect upon and discuss the material which has been presented in light of the situation in their own parishes. **GUIDE. LENGTH:** Two 2-hour tapes. **VID#:** 21.710

### WHERE TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED...

Adult Learning Commission, 1995

*"Where two or more are gathered..."* is an excellent introduction to Small Christian communities. Clergy and lay people share their experiences on how forming small faith groups enhances the spirituality of its members and enriches the church. This relatively new concept to North America helps Christians discover an exciting approach to their faith, an approach that has its roots in the earliest Christian communities. **LENGTH:** 30 min. **VID#:** 21.711

### TOTAL PARISH MINISTRY

**PUBLISHED:** Twenty-Third Publications, 1996

Videotaped live at a workshop for parish leaders, *Total Parish Ministry* lives up to its name. Fr. Bausch provides viewers with an extensive overview of the societal changes and shifts in the profile of the

Catholic Church in America and provides the tools to meet the growing spiritual and educational needs of Catholics today, both young and old.

- 1) Patters of Change and the Call to Respond
- 2) The Evolution of Parish Renewal
- 3) Profile of a Functioning Parish
- 4) A Welcoming Community, an Owned Community
- 5) Principles of Collaboration and Community Building
- 6) The Sacramental Touch and Holy Week Liturgies
- 7) Sacraments of Cohesion-Living the Life of Community
- 8) Pastoral Issues - Conflicts and Leadership

**GUIDE. (Also: The Total Parish Manual) LENGTH:** Approx. 1 hour per video **VID#:** 21.712-719

### **THE DYNAMIC PARISH**

**PUBLISHED:** Institute for Pastoral and Social Ministry, University of Notre Dame, 1989

A 30-minute videotape and support materials for parish leaders' reflection and renewal. **VID#:** 12.720