Weekly Commission Action Plans— Week 7 of 7 (June 26, 2011)

Lifting up our Parish Strengths—Pastoral Ministry
Church of St. Patrick-Edina

As a Catholic community committed to be a community of faith centered on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Eucharist, we believe that we must acknowledge our blessings and be generous by giving our time and talents to those who need help, including those who are sick, homebound, grieving or experiencing tragedy or crisis.

Our goal is to serve not only the sick and dying and at funerals but to be available to anyone in crisis who may need someone other than family and friends to listen and pray with them.

As part of the Lifting Up of Our Strengths endeavor, the Pastoral Ministry plans to increase engagement with parish members by:

- Continuing our one-to-one visits with parishioners in need, bringing the Eucharist, listening and praying with them.
- Continuing weekly Communion services at Sunrise Senior Living facility with the hope of celebrating Mass with them a few times a year.
- Continuing the funeral ministry's service of having pastoral ministers present at funeral services at church to help grieving families prepare their participation at the Mass and by serving beverages to those who have come to attend the funeral Mass.
- Sending or bringing our parish bulletin to those who cannot attend Mass.
- Personally inviting those whom we think may be in need of our services.
- Providing the Anointing of the Sick at a Sunday liturgy.
- Providing a memorial service on All Souls Day in memory of those who have died within the last year. Family members, friends and parishioners are invited to attend.

Pastoral care is not just for ordained priests or deacons. In bringing Communion to the sick, the minister of communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole St. Patrick's community. Our original call to minister to God's people flows from our Baptism. Our pastoral ministers act as members of an entire body of believers whose prayer supports our ministry.

If you would like to join the Pastoral Ministry or know of someone in need of our services, please contact Patti Brady at 952-941-3164, x113 or pbrady@stpatrick-edina.org.