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St. Agnes- A Spirit of Generosity

Will Rodgers said "People are marvelous in their generosity if they just know the cause is there." Monsignor Molloy, Pastor of Saint Agnes Parish, agrees with the great American pundit, and has done something about it.

Every year, at a special mass, he awards a parishioner a unique medal, minted just for the Sellersville, PA parish - the "*Pastor's Award for Excellence in Parish Stewardship.*" This honor is just a highlight of a church characterized by its members' generous gifts of time, effort



St. Agnes' Stewardship Medal

and financial assistance to the parish, fellow parishioners and the community at large.

Good stewardship is a constant message at Saint Agnes. The annual census records the number of parishioners but also the amount of time and skills given to church efforts.

According to Monsignor Molloy, "St. Agnes people respond positively to requests for assistance because I ask them in a positive manner and try never to forget to honor their good stewardship. People give because they want to and because they can help others, here in the parish, and often to poor and needy in the community."

"Much of this generosity comes from the real spiritual nature of the parishioners. We have strong prayer groups, liturgies with wonderful music and, I believe, positive messages of faith."

St. Agnes' future should include an ever expanding faith community and a potential for the parish to become a center for lay training and adult learning. "Since people are so open here to putting their faith to work, I think they are open to learning and growing in good works and ministries."

"We have challenges too, especially in making sure Catholic faith based education is available and affordable in the future for our children. I know the problems we face, but I have hope in the generosity of time, talent and treasure that characterizes the faith filled people of St. Agnes. My job is to help us all grow in our faith and just ask the wonderful parishioners here to keep putting their faith in action. In fact, I have more than hope. I am sure the spirit celebrated in the medal we give yearly will long continue."



Monsignor Molloy, Pastor of St. Agnes for over 6 years

Lynn's Thoughts...



Lent - traditionally the best time for a Stewardship of Treasure / Increased Offering Appeal is fast approaching! Call 856-662-7982 or email lcummings@lcdc.us There is never any obligation!

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Care less for your harvest than for how it is shared and your life will have meaning and your heart will have peace. – Kent Nerburn

When I meet with Finance or Parish/Pastoral Councils, I am delighted parish leaders (including Pastors) want to know what is successful in other parishes.

I've worked in more than 450 churches in the past 20 years. My perspective includes Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. Recently, I had the pleasure of working with Mishkan Shalom Reform Synagogue.

I decided to name this newsletter "*Sharings*." With each edition, I'll feature a congregation where I've worked and let their story be a "sharing" to help others.

Msgr. Molloy, pastor of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Parish, Sellersville, PA was clearly my first choice. In

1985, St. Agnes' pastor was Father (later Monsignor) Long. He called to inquire how I could help him and his finance council increase the regular weekly collection. The first appeal was well received - the Sunday collection increased over 50%!

The Parish grew and outgrew its church and other buildings. I again conducted campaigns there in 1992 and 1994. Six years ago, Msgr. Molloy was named pastor after Msgr. Long's passing. I helped devise an over all Development Program to maximize monies Msgr. Long willed to the parish.

Each year since I have helped St. Agnes' parish leaders conduct a fall annual appeal which funds and grows 4 trust funds

established to serve the church's future. Every year I aid the Stewardship of Treasure Lenten Appeal.

I'm pleased to say Msgr. Molloy doesn't need me as much anymore. He's made stewardship come alive; his example gently and consistently invites his parishioners to make it a way of life at St. Agnes. I hope you enjoyed reading Msgr. Molloy's success story – it could be yours.



Visiting Monsignor Molloy at St. Agnes

Been To Any Good Workshops?

Great Workshops - Just for Parishes Like Yours! Call 856-662-7982 and we'll hold a place for you. Each workshop is \$50 for the first attendee, \$15 for one or two additional. Coffee is on us!

- January 20, 2005 10-12 AM ***Strategic Planning – The Key To Your Future***
Easily Developed Strategic Planning Tools To Envision Your Parish's Future And Growth
- February 17, 2005 10-12 AM ***Resources For Stewardship***
Dreaming, Planning And Inviting Parishioners To A Stewardship Lifestyle
- March 17, 2005 10-12 AM ***Direct Deposit, Deferred Giving & Income Management Systems***
Offering You & Your Parishioners Donor Options To Stabilize And Increase Your Income.

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