



**A WORD FROM FR. WAYNE HERPIN, S.J. AND THE
"TOGETHER IN FAITH AND HOPE"
LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Dear Parish Family:

After months of listening, planning and studying, the Diocese of Las Cruces is embarking upon an effort to strengthen our parishes and diocese for the future. This effort is the **"Together in Faith and Hope"** stewardship campaign.

"Together in Faith and Hope" is a stewardship campaign designed to strengthen our local Church by addressing the particular needs of parish communities, while also building for our future together as a diocesan family. Some of our specific diocesan needs include:

- ◇ Seminarian education
- ◇ Priest retirement
- ◇ Faith Formation

These initiatives are among Bishop Ramirez's pastoral priorities for the Catholic Church in southern New Mexico. His vision for the future is based on our hope in Christ and we will accomplish this vision by working together by way of the heart and strength of Jesus through our commitment to leadership and stewardship.

In **"Together in Faith and Hope"**, 60% of the proceeds will go towards enhancing the strength, life, vitality, and ministries of our parishes. The other 40% of the proceeds will go towards the above mentioned diocesan initiatives. The parish project we will be sponsoring is: fixing the parking lot, youth and children's programs, transportation for elderly, repair retaining walls, upgrade irrigation system for trees and grass, repair roofs of Life Center and Rectory, and upgrade our phone system.



"Together in Faith and Hope" is just one part of our life's journey, our spiritual journey to God. We ask that everyone join us and begin praying for **"Together in Faith and Hope"**. God is the Lord of our lives. God has great plans, hopes and dreams for us. We discover those plans and dreams through prayer. Let us seek His will and do His will for that is the way to true happiness and fulfillment. Begin praying with us,

"Lord, what do You want to do, through me, to fulfill Your will for our parish and diocese?"

Pray this over and over again, and let God guide you, move you and prompt you.

This is a time of grace, a time when we recommit ourselves to a life of prayer, a life of service and a life of sharing. All three are necessary for us to embrace stewardship as a way of life. Let us be faithful caretakers of our faith, our parish family and our diocesan Church.

May we give back to God as He has first given to us?

Fr. Wayne and the **"Together in Faith and Hope"** Leadership Team

PLEASE SAY YES!

A campaign like **“Together in Faith and Hope”** happens with the inspired help of many dedicated people. Many parishioners have already committed themselves as leaders, and teams are being formed to help with the campaign. Below are descriptions of some of the teams needed to make the **“Together in Faith and Hope”** Stewardship Campaign a success. **Please say “yes” when you are asked to help!**

ADVANCED COMMITMENT TEAM

The Advance Commitment Team will plan and direct one or more informative gatherings in order to encourage parish leadership to make their commitments prior to the rest of the parish family.

CONTACT TEAM

The Contact Team is responsible for making phone calls to parishioners at three different times in the campaign to remind them of key events. None of these calls involve asking for money or pledges; it is strictly one of invitation and encouragement.

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES TEAM

This team oversees the development and execution of stewardship education and activities for grade-school age children.

INFORMATION TEAM

This team oversees the distribution of campaign information to every household in the parish, usually through distribution of packets after Masses on a designated weekend(s).

PRAYER TEAM

This team is responsible for maintaining a prayerful center for the Campaign through:

- Praying for the Leadership Team and the Campaign events
- Implementing a parish-wide prayer activity during the Inspiration Phase of the Campaign
- Encouraging the entire parish to regularly pray the Campaign prayer.

SPECIAL EVENT TEAM

This team will work with the Special Event Leader(s) in arranging a special social event toward the end of the Campaign.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES TEAM

Oversees the development and execution of stewardship education and activities for grades 7 - 12.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

<p>Campaign Chair: Leota Roads</p> <p>Children’s Leaders: David Melendez</p> <p>Contact Leader(s): Lucille Cosgrove Dan Magers Barbara Jo Telles</p> <p>Follow-Up Leaders: Martha Reiersen</p>	<p>Information Leaders: Bobi McDonald Virginia McKinley Larry & Carlina Weatherwax</p> <p>Involvement Leaders: Jerry & Mary Ann Kassler</p> <p>Prayer: Mary Ann Miller Consuelo Lothridge Olivia Palafox</p>	<p>Print Leader: Ann Barnes</p> <p>Special Event Leaders: Terry Merrigan Maria Rael</p> <p>Visual Communication Leaders: Chris & Martina Padilla</p> <p>Youth Leader Rose Ann Roberts</p>
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