
PURPOSE OF A TIME AND TALENT FAIR

Goal

To Increase Levels of Ministry and Involvement: This will result from more people completing Time/Talent commitment forms and from parishioners learning about programs, ministries and services they wish to utilize. This will in turn help people to grow in their relationship with God, with each other, and thus, help to further God's Kingdom.

Purpose

- 1) **Informational:** help parishioners gather information that will assist them in completing their Time/Talent Commitment form. Note that information must occur before solicitation. The Ministry Fair should not be a solicitation tool. Solicitation occurs elsewhere in the process (mostly on Commitment Sunday).
- 2) **Spur Interest:** To increase interest in making a time or talent commitment.
- 3) **To help all parishioners in attendance** (many of whom won't end up volunteering) to learn more about what is going on at the parish so they feel better about their parish and are thus more inclined to support it, maintain their membership, and grow from utilizing some of the services (i.e., religious education, counseling, RCIA, etc.).
- 4) **To help the ministries and organizations involved** get better organized and increase their effectiveness by developing a greater sense of their mission and purpose.

Ministry fairs are a lot of work, but they can greatly enhance the success of your annual time and talent renewal if planned and executed well. Fairs are a natural way of getting stewardship to work right then and there.

The following is a list of **Do's and Don'ts**, to help plan a stewardship fair.

(Adapted from the Diocese of Wichita)