Diocesan Social Action Office

Parish Events and Actions in Response to the Economic Downturn

1. St. Hilary has an Employment Networking Group (SHENG). It is for those changing or contemplating careers and is intended to be a support network. Members of St. Hilary meet to share their faith, knowledge skills, employment opportunities, and mutual support to those in career transition. They meet on the first and third Thursdays at 7 pm. Contact is Mike Costello at 868-1055, ext. 300 or sheng@ameritech.net. The parish is also offering a program entitled "Financial Peace." The program is a series of CD's by Dave Ramsey, a nationally known management expert. The objective is to help people become debt free. The parish contact is Jim Bennett @ 836-5184 or jnbenn1@yahoo.com.

2. St. Sebastian Parish is developing a forum entitled "God, Layoffs, the Stock Market and You." They are planning to invite speakers focusing on: the moral dimension of the economic crisis, emotional support, the mortgage crisis, and the impact on the community.

3. St. Barnabas is helping parishioners with mortgage payments and energy bills.

4. St. Paul's Parish is exploring how the Catholic Credit Union can be a better resource for parishioners.

5. Holy Family held a forum in February that featured talks on credit counseling and foreclosure assistance.

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