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Problem Statement

Ss. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church is situated in the heart of an urban neighborhood on the Southwest side of the city of Rochester, New York. There are actually two adjoining neighborhoods in which Ss. Peter and Paul's Parish provides its outreach ministries. They are known as the Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood and the Dutchtown Brown Square Neighborhood. The grounds of Ss. Peter and Paul's Parish are bounded by West Main Street and Brown Street which intersect about half a mile from the parish at a multi-intersection known as "Bull's Head". The Susan B. Anthony neighborhood is to the south and east of the parish and the Dutchtown Brown Square neighborhood is to the north.

Outreach ministries make up a large part of Ss. Peter and Paul's identity. We have committed a significant amount of our resources to the development of a soup kitchen, clothing ministry, day care center, outreach to the hispanic community and a summer youth program. Twelve units of housing for low-income families are under construction in our former school. This project will focus on the problem of the declining housing stock of our neighborhoods and the need for building partnerships with the residents and organizations within the neighborhoods in order to address the problem.

Characteristics of the Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood ("Susan B.")

According to the 1980 U.S. Census Bureau's Neighborhood Statistics Program, there were 449 households (1,305 persons) in the Susan B. area. 83% of the population was Black, 14% White and 5% were also identified as persons of Spanish origin (who may be of any race). Of the 268 families with children under the age of 18, 61.9% were headed
by women who were single parents. Of the 119 families below the poverty level, 94% were headed by single parent women. In the Susan B. neighborhood, the poverty rate for White persons was 12.5% and 37.7% for Blacks.

Another significant characteristic of the area is that almost 81% of year-round occupied housing units were occupied by renters. About 23.8% of the 590 housing units (141 were vacant) were built in 1970 or later, while 53% were built before 1940. The median value for specified owner-occupied homes was $14,800 as compared to $25,700 for the city of Rochester.

Characteristics of the Dutchtown Brownsguare Neighborhood ("Dutchtown")

According to the 1980 U.S. Census Bureau's Neighborhood Statistics Program, there were 4,507 households (11,825 persons) in the Dutchtown area. 77% of the population was White, 14% Black, 1% Asian/Pacific Islander and 1% were also identified as persons of Spanish origin (who may be of any race). Of the 1,531 families with children under the age of 18, 37.6% were headed by women who were single parents. Of the 667 families below the poverty level, 60% were headed by single parent women. In the Dutchtown neighborhood, the poverty rate for White persons was 17.2%, 42.5% for Blacks and 47.4% for Hispanics.

Unlike the Susan B. neighborhood, 50.6% of year-round occupied housing units were occupied by renters, and 49.4% by owners. 74.6% of the 4,973 housing units (465 were vacant) were built before 1940, while 1.7% were built in 1970 or later. The median value for specified owner-occupied homes was $17,800 as compared to $25,700 for the city of Rochester.
Although these statistics are almost a decade old, they still generally reflect the character of these two communities. There are more Hispanics in the Susan B. neighborhood which reflects the trend in the city in which Hispanics are moving westward. As a result of the increase in Hispanics in our neighborhood, our parish began a Spanish Mass and outreach program in 1985. Parts of the commercial district on West Main Street have undergone renovations and rehab since 1980. The part of the Susan B. neighborhood which is designated as an historic preservation district has also seen improvements in its housing stock over the last 10 years.

However, the homes closest to our parish have continued to deteriorate, with fires and boarded up homes common. The increase in drug houses is also well-known. There are more empty lots than in the early '80's when I first came to this community. There have been a few rental units built by Rochester Housing Authority. We are hopeful that the twelve 2 and 3 bedroom rental units being built in our former school will provide safe and secure housing for low-income families.

I have also discovered that a small area between Brown Street (which borders our parish) and the 490 Interstate (built in the late 70's) is no longer considered part of the Dutchtown Brown Square neighborhood. Although it was historically part of the Dutchtown area, the Interstate has now become the defined southern border of the Dutchtown Neighborhood Association, rather than Brown Street. The City has designated Neighborhood Conservation Areas which entitles these areas to special housing programs. The Dutchtown neighborhood has this designation, but the approximately 100 units between Brown Street and the interstate are not eligible. Therefore, in the parts where we have seen the greatest decline, this mirrors the reality that
they have received the least amount of attention.

The major underlying causes of the decline in the housing stock of our neighborhood are: 1) the housing stock is quite old and is in need of reinvestment; 2) a significant amount of money paid for rent leaks out of our community and is not reinvested into the neighborhood; 3) residents are not organized or feel powerless to be able to do anything about their housing situation; 4) organizations in the area do a lot of talking about this problem but we're too busy doing the immediate and urgent things rather than taking the time to focus on important, long-term strategies for doing something about this problem.

**Project Goals**

The goal of this project is to establish strong partnerships between Ss. Peter and Paul's Parish and neighborhood residents and organizations to:

* prevent continued deterioration of the housing stock;
* support efforts to create affordable home ownership;
* ensure safe, secure and affordable rental units;
* and prevent gentrification and speculation of real estate.

**Minimum Objectives**

**OBJECTIVE 1:** To conduct a community housing assessment with at least 50 residents in the neighborhood.

**OBJECTIVE 2:** To explore with neighboring church leadership of four congregations, their interest in networking on housing issues.

**OBJECTIVE 3:** To explore with five housing and neighborhood organizations, potential partnerships and projects to address the housing concerns of the neighborhoods.
OBJECTIVE 4: To develop a community-based plan which provides long-term strategies for addressing the problem of housing.

Maximum Objective

OBJECTIVE 5: To secure any needed financing for the implementation of the housing plan.

METHODS

First Quarter (January 1990 - March 1990)

JANUARY
Obj. 1 Develop community assessment tool
   Develop profile of kinds of residents to be interviewed
Obj. 3 Make initial contact with five organizations
   re:community assessment to be conducted
Obj. 5 Submit proposal to Urban Subsidy Program
   Submit pre-application to local CHD

FEBRUARY
Obj. 1 Develop strategy for identifying/interviewing residents
   Identify 1st ten residents to be interviewed
   Arrange for 1st ten interviews
Obj. 2 Make initial contact with four churches
   re:community assessment/identifying residents

MARCH
Obj. 1 Conduct interviews 1 - 10
   Identify 2nd ten interviews
   Arrange for 2nd ten interviews
   Conduct interviews 11 - 15
Obj. 2 & 3 Maintain contacts with those interested in project

Second Quarter (April 1990 - June 1990)

APRIL
Obj. 1 Conduct interviews 16 - 20
   Identify 3rd ten interviews
   Arrange for 3rd ten interviews
   Conduct interviews 21 - 30

MAY
Obj. 1 Identify remaining interviews
   Arrange for remaining interviews
   Conduct interviews 31 - 45
Obj. 5 Submit application to local CHD if encouraged

JUNE
Obj. 1 Conduct interviews 46 - 50+
   Finalize community assessment documentation

Third Quarter (July 1990 - September 1990)

JULY
Obj. 2 Arrange to meet with church leadership
   re:assessment results
Obj. 3 Arrange to meet with neighborhood organizations
Appendix D

re: assessment results

Obj. 4 Contact neighborhood residents who were interviewed re: assessment results and their interest in addressing issues raised

AUGUST

Obj. 2 Meet with church leadership re: assessment results, plans to meet in the Fall
Obj. 3 Meet with neighborhood organizations re: assessment results, plans to meet in the Fall
Obj. 4 Complete contact with neighborhood residents who were interviewed re: assessment results and their interest in addressing issues raised

Plan and publicize series of community meetings
Identify and work with people who will conduct meetings and promote community meetings

SEPTEMBER

Obj. 4 Conduct community meetings which focus on housing issues for tenants and homeowners re: cash flow from the community, strategies for homeownership and building a community base

Fourth Quarter (October 1990 - December 1990)

OCT-DEC

Obj. 4 Work with core group of leaders to develop plan of action; meet regularly, provide leadership development, build core membership

Obj. 5 Prepare and submit proposals for funding at the request of the core group
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SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry Committee is the committee of the parish council which has special responsibility for the social mission of the parish. It is the catalyst for the organized response of the parish to the cries of affliction that arise in our neighborhoods, our nation, and our world. Its purpose is to awaken the parish to the needs that confront us, and to generate a response from the parish that befits a community of Christians.

Parish Social Ministry is not just an individual or small group effort, but a WHOLE parish effort to look at the needs and think through and plan together how best to respond. It's a way of organizing a parish to respond. It's a way of awakening the social conscience of the parish. Often in responding to the suffering of others, parishioners realize that there are root causes of injustice that need to be addressed.

DEFINITION OF COMMITTEE TASK:

1. To educate ourselves and the parish community through dialogue and critical Christian reflection on the social mission of the Church.

2. To promote the Church's social mission by:
   a. working for and calling the parish to work for structural and systemic changes in the economic, social and political order that promote the values of the Kingdom.
   b. calling forth the resources of the parish community to meet the needs of the world community (e.g. food collection, tithing, prison visits, clothing collection, shelter, etc.)
   c. empowering oppressed people by promoting self-help projects.

3. To implement true Christian action by:
   a. working with other parish groups
   b. networking with other parishes and denominations

STRUCTURES AFFECTING JUSTICE:

Political - which keep people from participating in decisions about themselves

Economic - which keep them jobless, homeless, hungry

Social - which discriminate because of race or sex

Cultural - which hurt their families, denying them their heritage

When social justice is seem as love put into the structures of our society by the community of faith-filled people, then others will be attracted to join, then the action will be more effective.
A Reflection on the Theology of Social Justice

As church we are called to be sensitive
to the signs of the times
   to the cry of the poor, the oppressed, the forgotten, the marginalized
for in each we can find Christ present,
in each is an invitation to respond.

Here is the possibility of the Incarnation in our age, time, history.
Here is the way to respond to the scandal of human suffering under unjust
structures such as racism, sexism, militarism, consumerism.

A theology of social action is related
to almost every key theme of our faith
and key category of thought on Gospel justice:
to the Mission of the Church and the dignity of the human family,
   Evangelization, Community, Salvation, Liberation,
   the Kingdom of God, the Beatitudes, the Paschal Mystery.

All these faith realities/mysteries are essential ingredients of
Incarnational theology which calls us
to transform the world,
to bring Good News to the poor
to free the oppressed.

This theology sees that faith is identified in essence with
the freedom of all persons,
the struggle for human rights,
the solidarity of the human family.

This theology sees the intrinsic connection
between faith and life,
between salvation and liberation,
between justice and peace.
It shatters the false dichotomies of the past.

This theology points to the fact that
we can no longer settle for a purely privatized morality
and be in fidelity to our faith or to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

By this Gospel we are clearly mandated
to develop a social sense of morality,
to embrace the whole person in the context of the human condition,
to be responsive to/responsible for the whole human family.
This theology highlights the fact that works of charity ALONE are not enough; that to minister to the effects and not the cause is futile; for the needs of charity are rooted in the neglect of the pursuit of justice;— in the justice that challenges laws, processes, institutions systems and structures which dehumanize, hurt, or kill thru the denial of human rights and dignity.

[Since Vatican II the papal documents, the episcopal conferences and pastorals have fleshed out Catholic Social Doctrine as "a constitutive element of the mission of the Church", an integral part of the Christian vocation.]

Our response to the dynamics of the incarnational mystery is to have a strong sense of responsibility for making, creating, and humanizing the world; for proclaiming liberty to captives; for setting free the oppressed; for becoming actively engaged against destructive structures; all as the effective and authentic voice of love.

We are to go to the heart of the struggle to secure human rights and dignity, so that all may be human and all may be free.

We are to be sensitive to the reality that institutions—be they courts, health care systems, school, prisons, even churches—can do violence to people by dehumanizing them, by oppressing them.

The REASON we do this? Because—Justice is the voice of love and the experience of love is the experience of God.

(Adapted from an article Reflection on a Theology of Social Action by Joseph H. Blitz in CHARITIES USA - April 1987)
SUMMARY OF JANUARY 3, 1990 MEETING OF SS. PETER AND PAUL
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING A RESPONSE TO DRUGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Present: Michael Aiello (Kitchen volunteer), Phil Banks (St. Luke/St. Simon's Episcopal Church, Kitchen volunteer), Jama Dodson (CFC), Dorothy Frederick (SMC member), Mary Leahy-Dewitt (SMC member), Ken Maher (CFC), Melissa Marquez (SMC chairperson), Fr. David Reid (Pastor), Bruce Zaepfel (Kitchen volunteer)

The Anti-Drug Block Party and March held in July was an important event in the life of Ss. Peter and Paul's Parish Community. We met and marched with residents of this neighborhood who fear for their children because of the prevalence of drugs and desire a drug-free neighborhood. The daily experience at St. Peter's Kitchen and even through our Day Care Center shows us the devastating effects of drugs on individuals and families. It is our intention to develop a plan for outreach which responds to this complex issue.

Catholic Family Center is willing to be a resource to us as we develop our plans and is willing to assist us in submitting a proposal to the Bonner Foundation. This foundation "wants to help the person who is hurting by supporting outreach programs of individual congregations as well as local coalitions of churches and synagogues." The next deadline for submission is May 1, 1990.

Ideas that were raised:

* Getting to really know the people affected is critical.

* There is a need to address the drug dealing that goes on in the neighborhood - "War on Drugs".

* Prevention, especially for children at risk, is important.

* Treatment for addicts is important.

* There is a connection to the lack of employment opportunities. Not being able to find a good job is a difficult thing for people to cope with - drugs become a way of coping.

* Matt Talbot Ministries uses the AA principles and provides spiritual healing to recovering addicts through group support. A good place to contact to learn more about their efforts.

* We need to talk to addicts/recovering addicts regarding what they would like to see happen, what they feel is needed.

* Lack of self-esteem affects many addicts and there are often disfunctional families who are affected by this as well.

* It is important to ensure that existing systems and organizations are held accountable for providing their services in our community.
* Environment is a key factor for recovering addicts, especially when people come back to the same place where they were using drugs.

* Providing a support network to people who are coming out of drug treatment is important and could lead to those being given support joining our efforts to be supportive.

* Surveying residents (homeowners, landlords, tenants) regarding the drug problem is important and would provide critical information.

* If there were to be a program, where would it be housed?

* Corpus Christi, with it's many outreach ministries would be a good parish to talk to regarding their efforts to address this issue.

* Whatever we do, it will be modest and small scale.

* Housing is also part of the problem since our neighborhood is 80% rental and creates a more transient community, and does not enable people to build equity and pride in their community.

* The housing being constructed in the old school is a piece of our work that brings hope to the kitchen's own ministry.

* If we were to build a support network, a sheltered workshop that provides employment opportunities could also assist people coming out of treatment programs.

* Catholic Family Center has an extensive drug treatment program, mostly outpatient, called Restart. We need education on the programs and services offered by Restart.

* We need a program which enables people to be able to cope with the environment in which they live, thus supporting nonviolent responses to a violent environment. Such a program should enable individuals and families to develop the internal and external resources to cope.

* We need to get people who live in the community talking to other people in the community about this issue and what they would like to see done.
SS. Peter and Paul Social Ministry Committee

Minutes of January 24, 1990 Meeting

Present: Mary Cartella, Barbara Classen, Joanne Corcimiglia, Dorothy Frederick, Mary Leahy-Dewitt, and Melissa Marquez

We began with prayer and reflection lead by Mary L.

THE GRAPE BOYCOTT

The Parish Council voted to support the boycott at their January meeting. All members signed the resolution and there was quite a bit of discussion during the coffee break after they had watched the film, "The Wrath of Grapes."

February 3 & 4: Fr. Dan O'Shea will be homilist on Saturday, Mary Haffey will be homilist for Sunday masses. We needed to prepare Prayers of the Faithful and Barbara assisted us in the format. We also listened to the readings to see what themes would be good to repeat in the Prayers. Dorothy agreed to contact Tom Schultz re: music for 11:00 mass.

Petitions: We agreed that we wanted to do the petition signing during Mass. We will hand out petitions at the beginning, utilizing greeters. We will then collect all petitions after the Prayers of the Faithful and take them up to the altar with the gifts. The content still needs to be decided. We can say whatever we want. We do not have to follow the petition used by UFW. Mary C and Mary L will bring pens and pencils. Joanne will bring baskets to collect petitions. Joanne, Mary C. and Mary L. will be greeters at 4:00 pm Mass. Dorothy and Mary L. will do the 11:00 am Mass and Dorothy will ask two parish council members to help. Melissa will do the Spanish Mass and ask Ismael Ramos to help. Melissa will prepare a little announcement that the lectors can read to explain when the petitions will be collected.

Video: We agreed to show the video after the 4:00 mass and at 10:40 on Sunday. We will show the video in Spanish after the 9:00 Mass. We will show the video in the fellowship room and will need to set up chairs.

Melissa will take care of putting the Bulletin Announcement in for Jan. 27-28. Mary L. agreed to make the copies of the Bulletin Insert on the Grape Boycott and leave them at the parish so that Melissa could insert them on Saturday. Melissa will make the Pulpit Announcement at the 4:00 and 9:00 Jan. 27-28 masses. Dorothy will make the announcement at the 11:00 Mass if Melissa prepares what is to be said.

Publicly announcing our endorsement: We discussed the possibility of putting this in other bulletins and agreed that we'd take this up after the 2/4 weekend.
OPERATION BREADBOX

The Mass on Ash Wednesday (2/28) will be at 6:00 pm. The Soup Supper will take place after the Mass. We may have the Mass down in the kitchen. People could be asked to bring soup and then we could mix it all together into a community soup. We agreed that OBB plans would be the major item at our next meeting. What else will we do besides the Soup Supper?

FOLLOW UP FROM JANUARY 3RD MEETING

Greg Haehl joined us for this portion of the meeting. He represents Catholic Family Center. Melissa had met with Ken Maher and we agreed that the role that CFC could help us with is in coordinating some of the efforts of enabling volunteers to do some of the research, meeting with residents. Fr. David suggested that we might want to explain our plans to the volunteers at their Appreciation Dinner on 2/23 and invite any willing to give us a hand to contact us. We agreed that the second to the last item on the 1/3/90 summary is the approach that we are most comfortable and excited about. We agreed to do some homework and think about who it is specifically that we need or want to talk with and how we think we should gather the information we need. We will then come together and brainstorm together at our next meeting.

We ended with prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 7, 1990 at 7:00 pm.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE AGENDA

FEBRUARY 7, 1990

1. OPENING PRAYER AND REFLECTION

2. OPERATION BREADBOX: Feb. 28 Sharing Supper, selecting project, other plans/ideas

3. BRAINSTORMING ON THE WORK/RESEARCH NEEDED FOR DRUG OUTREACH

4. UFW GRAPE BOYCOTT: FOLLOW UP - Thank you’s, petitions, April 4, boycott buttons and bumper stickers, media, diocese

5. CLOSING PRAYER
Ss. Peter and Paul Social Ministry Committee

Minutes of February 7, 1990 Meeting

Present: Mary Cartella, Barbara Classen, Joanne Corcimiglia, Dorothy Frederick, Mary Leahy-Dewitt, and Melissa Marquez

We began with prayer and reflection lead by Joanne.

OPERATION BREADBOX

The Mass on Ash Wednesday (2/28) will be at 6:00 pm in the Kitchen. The Sharing Supper will take place after the Mass. Parish members will be invited to bring vegetables, rice or cooked beans to add to the Sharing Soup.

We selected the project in Namibia because it is a country greatly affected by South Africa. The project will expand a small bakery run by single, female heads-of-households to increase production, enabling them to better meet the growing demands for their products. The bakery building is being designed to additionally serve as a community center for development activities and training. Assignments were divided among members. All members will bring soup stock and bread to use as a base. We will ask people to stay to help clean up after the meal. We will make pulpit announcements on April 7, asking people to return their offerings at the Holy Thursday Mass on 4/12.

UFW GRAPE BOYCOTT: FOLLOW UP

We evaluated the UFW event & agreed that education on the issue needs to happen after Mass, not during or beforehand. We collected 116 petitions which we believe will be used on 4/4 when Cesar Chavez is in town. Joanne will write thank you notes to Fr. Dan O'Shea & Bro. Bob, Fr. Al & Fr. David for the use of their facilities. Mary L. will send thank you to Mary Haffey and investigate what the coalition suggests as our next action re: the media, the diocese & the grocery stores. Mary will also see that videos are returned. Melissa will obtain Grape Boycott buttons & bumper stickers to hand out 3/31 & 4/1 weekend to remind people of Cesar Chavez’s visit. We will arrange to car pool from the parish.

DRUG OUTREACH: We postponed this portion of our meeting to 2/14/90. Mary L. will talk with Nancy re: Volunteer Night program & our desire to share this with volunteers. Melissa will talk to Fr. David to see how he envisions this happening. Melissa will then talk with Mary L. Mary L. will also put Joanne & her husband, Dorothy and Mary C. names on the list for the dinner.

KLEEN BRITE: Melissa will put announcement in bulletin as an update.

We ended with prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 14, 1990 at 5:00 pm. Special meeting on drug outreach effort.
WORK PLAN FOR CFC STAFF PERSON AS DESIGNED BY SS. PETER AND PAUL SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE, FOR ASSISTANCE WITH DRUG RESPONSE PLAN

Our Social Ministry Committee has agreed that the following approach to this project shall guide all its efforts and outcomes:

We support a project which enables people to cope with the environment in which they live, thus supporting nonviolent responses to a violent environment. Such a project should enable individuals and families to develop the internal and external resources to cope.

With this in mind, we have established the following work plan:

CONTACTS TO BE MADE TO GATHER DATA/INFORMATION:

1. Police Department: In what ways could we support their efforts?
   Maple Section - Captain Robert Dewey; Crime Prevention Officer, Jackie Henton
   Genesee Section - Captain Gary Burkhan

2. DePaul Mental Health Services: What would they identify as the needs of people and families from our neighborhood who receive services from them?

3. Nancy Paris - Director of St. Peter’s Kitchen

4. AA and NA: To identify locations, times and types of meetings available in the area: What gaps exist? (Al-Anon and Al-Teen)

5. Southwest Coalition on Youth: Vicky Cooley & Rev. Judith Ray

6. Ss. Peter and Paul Day Care Center Parents (Ginny Rizzo/Joanne C.)
   Milton Moss

ITEMS TO BE COORDINATED WITH SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE, SO THAT WE CAN ATTEND/DEVELOP IN CONJUNCTION WITH STAFF PERSON:

7. Restart: How could we be of use to them?

8. Area Churches, Matt Talbot Ministries and Corpus Christi: To secure information on what they may be doing re: drugs in the neighborhood; What do they think would be important to do and would they be interested in being a partner together? Have they

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done a neighborhood assessment recently? Provide us with details/contact person on services re: drugs.

9. Neighborhood Residents: Surveys to be done thru the Kitchen
10. Surveys to be done Door to Door

11. Parishioners: Thru a Parish Forum: get our youth to speak out

12. Martin Luther King Health Center and Woodward Health Center: What efforts are they involved with re: drugs? Are there ways we could connect with them?

   Mayor Heights Neighborhood Association: Theresa Johnson
   South West Area Neighborhood Association: Willie Lightfoot & Sally Steinwachs

14. Northwest Community Services
15. Charles House

MLK

MLK 235-5059

Chris Carmichael & UCAN Neighborhood Survey on Health Issues

Happy to include info re: in

4 Summer Health Programs incl.
   - Fight Square Health Fair

Arrange for Drug Counselors - space, time, interest

June 16: Mtg of Planning Group on Health Survey
CHURCHES AND AGENCIES TO CONTACT FOR HOUSING PLANS

CHURCHES

Church of Christ, 37 Reynolds Street, 14608, 436-0786, Cass Wade, Minister; they have a Community Service House.

Greater Deliverance Apostolic Church, 638 Brown Street, 14611, 235-7558

Calvary Spiritual Church, 20 Gladstone, 14611, 235-3870, Elder E. Ynangan

Goodwill Baptist Church, 111 Clifton Street, 14611, 436-0664, Rev. A.W. Forbes

Power House Church of God in Christ, 48 Clifton, 14608, 235-5595, Rev. Henry Newkirk

Bibleway Healing Temple, 560 West Main Street, 14611, 328-9734

Immanuel Pentecostal Church of Christ, 90 York Street, 14611

Trinity United Church of Christ, 200 Child Street, 14611, 328-5422, Rev. Diandra McNerney

Aenon Baptist Church, 175 Genesee Street, 14611, 436-0990, Rev. James Cherry

West Avenue United Methodist Church, 50 Chili Avenue, 14611, 328-8745

AGENCIES

South West Area Neighborhood Association, 614 Jefferson Avenue, 14611, 436-8201, Sally Steinwachs

Housing Advocacy and Rehabilitation Program (HARP) and Building Rehabilitation and Conservation Effort (SPACE), Urban League of Rochester, 301 Adams Street, 14611, 436-3610, Mary Aldridge

Housing and Rehabilitation Together (HART), Jay and Child Streets, 235-4600, Susan Baker

Community Action Program, Action for a Better Community (ABC), 700 West Main Street, 14611, 436-0522, Maxene Hanks

Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Association, Dan Hoffman, President

Donald Aures, Housing Initiatives Coordinator, United Way, 55 St. Paul Street, 14604, 434-2770 (base year data for 1987, 1988 & 1989)

Rochester Housing Partnership Steering Committee: Thomas Richards, Chairperson; Maggie Bringswatt, consultant.
TO: Housing/Energy Sub-Committee Members
FROM: Helen Rollins, Chairperson
DATE: March 14, 1990
RE: Housing/Energy Sub-Committee Meeting

The Housing/Energy Sub-Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 20, 1990 at 700 West Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. by Fred L. Caldwell. A moment of silence was observed. There were five (5) people present. Everyone introduced themselves, to better formalize themselves with those they will be working with.

Gail Ellis, Staff Coordinator, brought before the sub-committee a meeting she and Ms. Hanks had had with a representative from St. Peter/St. Paul, Ms. Melissa Marquez, regarding what can be done to stabilize the community.

Ms. Marquez stated that the 1980 census showed that 81% of housing is rented. She would like to get together with other agency, to see if anything could be done about this.

The committee has invited Ms. Marquez to speak at the next meeting, regarding more about what specifically they can do.

Ms. Hanks spoke about the possibility of getting Public Assistance to pay mortgage, instead of rent. This would give a person a sense of ownership. If a person rents, they can more easily move if drugs come into the neighborhood, but if they own, they will take charge of their neighborhoods. It will also give them a sense of empowerment. Everyone needs affordable housing. They also need the desire to become homeowners, and they need to be empowered people to own their own homes.

Ms. Shelley agreed to bring to the next meeting statistics about other Social Service Agencies that have tried to help those on Public Assistance own their own homes.

Ms. Hanks mentioned that the We Care Program, at 372 Flint Street will start up on March 1, 1990. The We Care Program is a Food Kitchen, serving breakfast on Tuesday and Thursday, and lunch on Wednesday.

There were no further questions or concerns, and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 20, 1990, at 5:30 p.m. at 700 West Main Street.

HR:mg
Submitted by Gail Ellis

Experts in Helping People Help Themselves
TO: Housing/Energy Sub-Committee Members
FROM: Helen Rollins, Chairperson
DATE: March 19, 1990
RE: Housing/Energy Sub-Committee Meeting

*AGENDA*

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

IV. GUEST SPEAKER - Melissa Marquiz, St. Peter/St. Paul

V. QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/CONCERNS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

HR: mg
THE SWAN NEIGHBORHOOD PAINTING PROGRAM

EXTERIOR REPAIRS
PAINTS, PRIMERS, THINNERS, SAND PAPER, PUTTY, CAULKING,
GLAZING, COMPOUND, EXPENDABLE: SCRAPERS, BRUSHES, ROLLERS
AND PLASTIC DROP CLOTHES.

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SS. PETE R AND PAUL PARISH
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE AGENDA
MARCH 21, 1990

7:30 1. OPENING PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Magnificat of Waiting for the Fullness of Time: Text: Waiting on the Lord Projects: Waiting for the Fullness of Time

40 2. OPERATION BREADBOX
Bag: Entrance & Exit, not at back
Collection: Use basket for collection

Bags: Calendar

Collection: Back on Holy Thursday + Reminder to announce on 4/7

SF G R A P E B O Y C O C T

[Political] When/Where to Meet: Carpool

Letters: t/m to Sec. Min., all 3 stores 

4. DRUG/OUTREACH PLAN AND CATHOLIC FAMILY CENTER

No Staff at CFC

Survey: Kitchen

What do we do?

Survey: Housing

Survey: Drugs

5. CLOSING PRAYER

OTHER: CFC Mtg, Mailing & Announcements

Announce that weekend after Easter to bring back

UFW Boycott

Insert into Bulletin: Car-Pool Meet at 4:30 pm. Cars will leave at 4:45 pm Sharp.

We will return at 8:00 pm

#5 & #6 Asking: Dawn N. to do training

Possibly 1. April 28-29: Sunday 2. May 5-6

St. Luke's/St. Simon's Training on Saturday

Parish Volunteers
1. Do you know where to buy drugs in this neighborhood?
2. Did you buy drugs today?
3. Have you ever used drugs?
4. Why did/do you use drugs?
5. Do you think drugs have taken over this neighborhood?
6. Have/are your children been exposed to drugs?
7. Do you know anyone in prison or on parole because of drugs?
8. Do you know anyone who has died from drugs?
9. Name some of the drugs sold on the streets of this neighborhood?
10. What would you do if someone you knew wanted help with their drug problem?
11. What do you think should be done (we should do) about drugs in this neighborhood.
12. Drug rehab: Yes No?
   Have you heard of or been involved with AA/NA/A1-Anon?
   Has any family member used any of the above treatment programs?
13. Why do you think people use drugs?
14. Are you afraid of living in this area?
QUESTIONS FOR SURVEY WHICH ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO DRUGS

TO SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: As we did with the drug-related questions, review this list and choose three questions which you consider are the most important for us to ask. Then be sure to tell the other members which three you picked. Let's try to do this by Tuesday, April 23rd.

A. How many adults live here? (In place of "Are you married?")
   How many children live here?

B. How much money do you make? / What is your monthly income?

C. How long have you lived here?

D. How often have you moved in the last three years?

Do you rent or own your house? If a renter, would you like to own your own home in this neighborhood? If assistance were available.

Have you ever used the services of Ss. Peter and Paul? Were you satisfied? (Which ones?) List: kitchen, clothing, day care, wel
   Fun in the Sun? Religious Worship? Have you been a victim of violence of crime in this neighborhood?

H. How long have you been a resident of New York State?

I. Do you want to move out of this neighborhood? If yes, why? If no, why?

J. What kind of work do you do? Is it full-time or part-time work? How long have you been employed? Are you employed now?

K. Have you received your diploma/GED? Are you interested in job training?

L. How old are you? Male/Female Ethnicity

************************** SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE (St. Luke's/St. Simon's) **************************

1. Introduction: We are from Ss. Peter and Paul Parish. We have a soup kitchen, clothes closet and day care center. Last year we sponsored a drug march and block party. We now want to take a step further and respond to drugs in a way which will help people to cope with this problem which is all around us.

2. We need/want to gather data from the residents of this community. We want to know what you think would help you to cope better. Can you spend 5 minutes of your time and respond to some survey questions? (Or "Would you answer a few questions for us?)
3. If you don’t want to answer any question, just say so and we’ll leave it blank.

4. SURVEY QUESTIONS

5. Thank you very much for your help.

6. Interviewer observations: Note what happened at each house.

  ____ Need Spanish speaker  ____ Only children at home
  ____ No answer/No one home.  ____ Vacant
  ____ No answer/Someone home.  ____ Said "no" to survey
  ____ Other: ___________________________________________________

SUGGESTIONS FROM BARBARA CLASSEN:

After introduction, we should start with a question like:

"People have told us that because of the drug traffic in this neighborhood, living here is much more difficult. Do you agree?"

If they respond "no", ask them: "What is the problem you are most concerned with in this neighborhood?"

If they respond "yes", ask them: "How do you cope with it now?"

Proceed with: "Which services would you find to be most helpful in helping people to cope with drugs in the neighborhood?"

Provide them with a list of services & options (very helpful, not very helpful, I don’t know) and ask for any other services they think would be helpful.

Then ask them: "From this list, what services would you most likely use to help you to get along in this neighborhood?"

ISSUE:
Going inside house if invited /staying outside?
  -Use discretion or rule: Don’t go inside.
Appendix Q

Ss. Peter and Paul Social Ministry Committee
Minutes of May 2, 1990 Meeting

Present: Mary Cartella, Joanne Corcimiglia, Dorothy Frederick, Mary Leahy-Dewitt, and Melissa Marquez

We began with prayer and reflection lead by Mary Cartella.

DRUG/OUTREACH PLAN AND CATHOLIC FAMILY CENTER

CFC Assistance: Melissa indicated that there will be a meeting with Ken Maher on Tuesday, May 8, 1990 at 3:30 p.m. at Ken’s house: 383 Wellington. At this time we will work out the details of CFC’s work on our drug plan. SMC members who can make the meeting will try to come. We reviewed the February 20th letter to Ken which outlines our workplan for the CFC staffperson. (See the attached revisions.) We want to be informed of any planned meetings, especially with area churches, health centers & neighborhood associations, in case one of us is able to attend.

Neighborhood Survey: Joanne will contact Cephas-Attica to see if they might want to help out with the survey on June 2/3. Nancy had not contacted anyone from St. Luke’s/St. Simon’s. She suggested we contact Bob Seidel and Mary L. agreed to contact him and possibly Phil Banks ASAP. We expressed our desire to have a more culturally diverse group of people to help do the surveys and will invite others to participate as we feel is appropriate. The orientation and training is to be Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon in the Fellowship Room and the surveying is to be on Sunday, June 3 from 12 noon (after 11:00 am Mass) to 2:00 p.m., followed by refreshments. We may also schedule other days to survey depending on the outcome. Melissa will work on mapping out the neighborhood streets to be covered using some of the data from the ’84-’85 survey on Day Care and other services. See the attached Draft Survey Tool which we finished putting together, with input from Barbara Classen. We want to test it on some people in order to further refine it. We will see if we can make pulpit announcements on May 12/13 re: neighborhood survey. This will be our way of doing something for the “Awareness Day” for Rochester Fights Back.

Rochester Fights Back: Melissa sent in her name as the contact person so that we can get the materials. Mary C. and Mary L. will work out arrangements so that one of them will cover the Action Conference on May 15 at the Riverside Convention Center from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. We want to keep in touch with this initiative.

Ginny informed us that there is a meeting on Thursday, May 31 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Aenon Baptist Church on Genesee Street on Drugs and Crime. Melissa will ask Sally Steinwachs to provide more information. As many of us that can will attend this meeting.

Parish Forum: We agreed to make this a major agenda item for our next meeting and we will invite Fr. David and Barbara to help us plan this.

OTHER BUSINESS - We completed the OBB Evaluation and suggested Cameron Community Ministries as a group to receive support. Some of us will meet at Corpus Christi on 5/10 to attend Faith & Resistance Retreat Evening. WE WILL GATHER AT THE IMMACULATE HOUSE OF JOANNE TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24 AT 2:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 pm. We will invite Bob Seidel, Cephas Rep, staff & CFC staff. Dorothy has prayer.
May 14, 1990

Dear Friends,

Recent years have shown an increase in concern among congregations about the lack of decent, affordable housing for low-income people. Churches and synagogues have begun to respond to this need by becoming involved in housing development, either by building new homes or rehabilitating those that are vacant and deteriorating.

NEBCA is pleased to announce a new program, the Housing Initiative Program, that is designed to provide training and technical assistance on housing development to non-profit groups. If you considering housing development, we can start out by answering questions like:

- What are some of the options for housing development?
- How much will they cost and how can they be funded?
- Can we assure long-term affordability?
- How have other religious institutions done development?

If you are already developing housing, we can help with areas such as writing proformas, managing a development team, or how to rent up/market your units. Please feel free to call me if I can be of assistance in any area of housing development, or if you would like more information on the Housing Initiative Program.

Sincerely,

Mona Jimenez
Trainer/Developer
THE HOUSING INITIATIVE PROGRAM of the NORTH EAST BLOCK CLUB ALLIANCE (NEBCA) was set up to increase the amount of decent, affordable housing for low-income city residents through new construction and substantial rehabilitation. The program gives groups the training, technical assistance, and resources they need to be effective housing developers.

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SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

May 23, 1990 Meeting

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer - Dorothy

2. Introductions

   Discuss Further Revisions

4. Streets to be covered during survey

5. Report from Ken Maher: Orientation plans
   Work plan

6. Testing out the Drug Survey

7. Reaching our Goal: 20 Surveyors

8. Other Business: Parish Pro-Life Contact
   Next Meeting

9. Closing Prayer - Dorothy
COMMUNICATION

Communication in our world today is a multiphasic problem of systemic proportions. The synchronistic nature of the binary problem of communication where man is both speaker and hearer indicates some of the ramifications for didactic integration.

Communication is a process of interaction between two or more persons in which an attempt is made to share an experience or affect behavior.

Communication is any interaction of persons involving the use of a shared system of symbols.

Communication is sending and receiving.

Why poor reception?

1. Our minds won't wait
2. We think we know already. We listen with "half an ear".
3. We're looking, not listening.
4. We're busy listeners (not really focusing).
5. We miss the big idea.
6. Our emotions make us deaf.

To improve reception:

1. Learn to concentrate.
2. Practice listening.
3. Cut out distractions.
4. Accept controversy.
5. Repeat what is said.
6. Help others listen.

How we communicate:

1. The clothes we wear, cars we drive, houses we live in, etc.
2. Our eyes.
3. Our faces.
4. Our hands.
5. Our bodies.
6. Tone of voice.

These are some non-verbal means of communicating.

We also communicate by verbal symbols.

We communicate by letters as symbols.

We also communicate by separate words.

We communicate most by words put together.

Warnings Number One: -- People retain in mind (learn) at best:
35% of what they hear.
55% of what they hear and see
75% of what they hear, see and do.

Warning Number Two: -- If we communicate:

at 10th grade reading level, we miss half of American adults;
at high school graduate level, we miss two-thirds.
At college graduate level, we miss 93%.

What hinders communication?

1. Physical space
2. Emotional space (status)
   a) Economic status
   b) Hierarchical structure
   c) Social tradition
3. Semantics
4. Value systems
5. Time

Toward better communication:

1. Understand myself as I try to communicate.
2. Try to understand the other person from his/point of view.
3. Trust the other person more than I now trust him/herself.
4. Try to rid myself of the negative feelings I have toward the other person.
5. Do not label the other person by one of my value-system tags.
6. Make my own words clear.
7. Be a good receiver as well as a good sender.
8. Take more than half the responsibility for effective communication.
9. Be willing to take feedback as well as give it.
10. Avoid a cynical attitude.

Remember;

Communication is interaction.

self -----> others

To be effective -- it must go in both directions.
Interpersonal Encounter

and

The 5 Levels of Communication

Level 5

Cliche conversation - hardly any real communication; no sharing of your person. "Hi, how are you."

Level 4

Reporting the facts about others. Tell about what so-and-so has said or done. Offer no personal self-revelation. (Gossip)

Level 3

My ideas and judgements - Involves some communication of my person. As I communicate my ideas, I watch your reactions carefully.

Level 2

My feelings (emotions) - "Gut level" - actually what makes me unique are my feelings, not my judgements and decisions. Most of us feel that others won't tolerate honesty. We use this to defend our dishonesty on the grounds that it might hurt others. This occurs in all relationships including families and marriages. Any relationship which is true must be based on gut level communication.

Level 1

Peak Communication - Based on absolute openness and honesty. It can never be a permanent experience. At these times, the two persons will feel and almost perfect and mutual empathy.

* Growth in the ability to communicate can happen only if both partners feel mutually accepted. There has to be a feeling of psychological safety: - no matter what I do or say, the relationship remains.
Rules for "Gut Level" Communication

1. Must never imply a judgement of the other person. I cannot judge your intentions or motivation. The best way to avoid being judgemental is to use "I" messages.

2. Emotions are not moral (good or bad). They're simply factual. So many times our conscience causes us to censor our emotions. We repress them. This is the most common cause of fatigue and sickness. Emotions need to be recognized and reported.

3. Feelings (emotions) must be integrated with the intellect and will. Although we should recognize and report our emotions, that doesn't mean we always act on them.

4. Emotions must be reported. We either speak out our feelings, or we will act them out. Repressed emotions become headaches, skin rashes, allergies, body aches, high blood pressure, etc. We cannot bury our emotions dead; we bury them alive.

5. With rare exceptions, emotions should be reported at the time they are being experienced. You have to determine if the moment is opportune or not. It may need to be deferred.

What if trust is broken? How can it be rebuilt?

1. Statement of your intentions: "I'm worried about our relationship. I want to do something which will help us become better friends."

2. Statement of your expectations about how the other person may respond: For example, "I think you may be uncomfortable about my bringing this up, but that you will listen and try to understand what I am saying."

3. Statement of what you will do if he/she violates your expectations: For example, "If you shut me out, I will be hurt and will become defensive.

4. Statement of how trust will be re-established if he/she violates your expectations and you make your response: For example, "If you cut me off and I become defensive then we'll have to spend an evening talking about it to get ourselves back together again."
Things Needed for Communication

**Sender:**
1. time / timing
2. being clear
3. be sincere
4. eye contact
5. body contact
6. selection of person (age-race-sex)
7. common experiences

**Receiver:**
1. being open to communication
2. empathy (sincere-open-caring)
3. listen (between lines)
4. time
5. try to understand
6. correct interpretation
7. eye contact
8. feedback
9. concentration
10. ask for clarification
DESCRIPTION OF FEELINGS

A Basic Communication Skill for
Improving Interpersonal Relationships

The Problem: To communicate your own feelings accurately or to understand
those of others is difficult.

First, expressions of emotion take many different forms. Feelings can express
themselves in bodily changes, in action, and in words. (See attached diagram.)

Second, any specific expression of feeling may come from very different feelings.
A blush, for example, may indicate that the person is feeling pleased, but it may also
indicate that he feels annoyed, or embarrassed, or uneasy.

Likewise, a specific feeling does not always get expressed in the same way.
For example, a child's feeling of affection for his teacher may lead him to blush
when she stands near his desk, to touch her as he passes her, to watch her as she
walks around the room, to tell her "You're nice," to bring his pet turtle to show
her, etc.,--different forms of expression for the child's feeling of affection.

Communication of feelings, thus, is often inaccurate or even misleading. What
looks like an expression of anger, for example, often turns out to result from hurt
feelings or from fear.

A further obstacle to the accurate communication of feelings is that your per-
ception of what another is feeling is based on so many different kinds of infor-
mation. When somebody speaks, you notice more than just the words he says. You
note his gestures, voice tone, posture, facial expression, etc. In addition, you
are aware of the immediate present situation -- the context in which the interaction
is occurring. You are aware of whether somebody is watching, for example. And so
you make assumptions about how the situation influences what the other is feeling.
Beyond all of this you also have expectations based on your past experiences with
the other.

You make inferences from all of this information -- his words, nonverbal cues,
the situational context, your expectations of the other. These inferences are
influenced by your own current emotional state. What you perceive the other to
be feeling, then, often depends more upon what you are feeling (e.g., to be afraid
of or wishing for) than upon the other person's actions or words. For example, if
you are feeling guilty about something, you may perceive others as angry with you.
If you are feeling depressed and discouraged about yourself, others may seem to
be expressing disapproval of you.

And so -- communicating your own and understanding the feelings of others is an
extremely difficult task. And yet, if you wish others to respond to you as a
person, you must help them understand how you feel. Likewise, if you are concerned
about the other as a person and about your relationship with him, you must try to
understand his emotional reactions.
The skill: Although we usually try to describe our ideas clearly and accurately, we often do not try to describe our feelings clearly. Feelings get expressed in different ways, but we do not usually attempt to identify the feeling itself.

One way to describe a feeling is to identify or name it. "I feel angry." "I feel embarrassed." "I feel comfortable with you." However, we do not have enough names or labels to encompass the broad range of human emotions, and so we invent other ways to describe our feelings, such as the use of similes. "I feel like a tiny frog in a huge pond." A girl, whose friendly overture had just been rebuffed, said, "I feel like I have just had an arm amputated."

A third way to describe a feeling is to report what kind of action the feeling urges you to do. "I feel like hugging and hugging you." "I'd like to slap you." "I wish I could walk off and leave you."

In addition, many figures of speech serve as descriptions of feeling. "I just swallowed a bushel of spring sunshine."

Describing your own feelings: You try to make clear what feelings you are experiencing by identifying them. The statement must (1) refer to "I", "me", or "my," and (2) specify some kind of feeling by name, simile, action urge, or other figure of speech.

The following examples show the relation between two kinds of expressions of feeling, (1) those that describe what the speaker is feeling, and (2) those that do not. Notice that expressions of feeling which describe the speaker's emotional state are more precise, less capable of misinterpretation, and, thus, convey more accurately what feelings are affecting the speaker.

Expressing feeling by describing your emotional state

"I feel embarrassed."
"I feel pleased."
"I feel annoyed."
"I feel angry!"
"I'm worried about this."
"I feel hurt by what you said."
"I enjoy her sense of humor."
"I respect her abilities and competence."
"I love her but I feel I shouldn't say so."
"I hurt too much to hear any more."
"I feel angry at myself."
"I'm angry with you."

Expressing feeling without describing your emotional state

Blushing and saying nothing.

Suddenly becoming silent in the midst of a conversation.

"She's a wonderful person."

"Shut up!!!"

Because emotional states express themselves simultaneously in words, in actions, and in physiological changes, a person may convey contradictory messages about what he is feeling. For example, his actions (a smile or laugh) may contradict his words (that he is angry). The clearest emotional communication occurs when the speaker's description of what he is feeling matches, and thus, amplifies what is being conveyed by his actions and other nonverbal expressions of feeling.
The aim in describing your own feelings is to start a dialogue that will improve your relationship with the other. After all, others need to know how you feel if they are to take your feelings into account. Negative feelings are indicator signals that something may be going wrong in a relationship with another person. To ignore negative feelings is like ignoring a warning light that indicates that an electrical circuit is overloaded. Negative feelings are a signal that the two of you need to check for misunderstanding and faulty communication.

After discussing how each of you sees the situation or your relationship, you may discover that your feelings resulted from false perceptions of the situation and of his motives. In this case, your feelings would probably change. However, the other may discover that his actions are arousing feelings in you that he wasn't aware of -- feelings that others beside you might experience in response to his behavior -- and he may change.

In short, describing your feelings should not be an effort to coerce the other into changing so that you won't feel as you do. Rather you report your inner state as just one more piece of information that is necessary if the two of you are to understand and improve your relationship.

Perception check: You describe what you perceive to be the other's inner state in order to check whether you do understand what he feels. That is, you test to see whether you have decoded his expressions of feeling accurately. You transform his expressions of feeling into a tentative description of his feeling. A good perception check conveys this message, "I want to understand your feelings -- is this (making a description of his feelings) the way you feel?"

Examples:

"I get the impression you are angry with me. Are you?"
(NOT: "Why are you so angry with me?" This is mind reading, not perception checking.)

"Am I right that you feel disappointed that nobody commented on your suggestion?"

"I'm not sure whether your expression means that my comment hurt your feelings, irritated you, or confused you."

Note that a perception check (1) describes the other's feelings, and (2) does not express disapproval or approval. It merely conveys, "This is how I understand your feelings. Am I accurate?"
COMMUNICATION OF FEELINGS

Before each statement below put the appropriate symbol.

D if the statement describes a feeling.
O if the statement expresses but does not describe a feeling.
O if the statement neither describes nor expresses a feeling but communicates a thought or idea.

1. What a lovely day!
2. I'm bored and confused!
3. Cut it out!
4. I feel like the low man on the totem pole in this group.
5. I wouldn't go back to that place for a million dollars.
6. Why can't you ever be any place on time?
7. You're a very interesting conversationalist.
8. I really enjoy talking with you.
9. The food at the banquet was superb.
10. You won't be gone long, will you?
11. Go jump in the lake!
12. Child hands paper to teacher and says, "Here's my paper; it's no good!"
13. I feel the Giants will win the pennant race next year.
15. I feel discouraged because I didn't pass the exam.
16. You shouldn't have bought me such an expensive gift!
17. I am upset by something that happened yesterday.
18. I think it's normal to worry about what others think of us, don't you?
19. I'm afraid to ask for help.
20. I feel the food at the banquet was very good.
21. If things don't improve around here, I'll quit and get another job.
22. I'd like to tell you to go jump in the lake!
23. Passenger to driver, "Do you think it's safe to drive this fast?"
24. You're too rude!
25. I feel inferior around you and yet I don't think I should have to because I know as much about this as you do.
26. Harry Jones is certainly a disgusting person.
PERSONAL STATEMENTS

A Basic Communication Skill for Improving Interpersonal Relationships

THE PROBLEM

Often people make statements that begin with words like, "you," "we," "it," which may create confusion about who is really speaking or being addressed. Beginning a sentence with the word "you" tends to put responsibility on the other person and may make that person feel defensive (e.g., "You make me nervous," or, "You feel funny in that situation."). "You" may mean the other person, anybody or everybody. "You know" usually means everyone knows. In the same way, "it" is often used to generalize meaning. "It's the right way," or "It can't happen," are dogmatic statements that assume that others agree. "We" can sometimes also confuse accurate meaning. "We should fix dinner," or "We need to go shopping," assumes that the other agrees.

All of the above examples demonstrate a distortion of true meaning. "You," "it," and "we" statements are usually "I" statements in disguise. "You feel funny in that situation," (Interpretation: Anyone would feel funny in that situation.) actually means, "I feel funny in that situation." "It can't happen," is really "I don't think that should happen," and "We should work on the garden," means "I want you to work on the garden with me." Using general words, such as, everyone or some people, to refer to your ideas and feelings confuses the listener and results in miscommunication and poor understanding.

"I" statements acknowledge personal responsibility for one's own attitudes, feelings, thoughts, opinions, and wishes. Personal statements reveal who you are to the listener. "I feel..." and I think..." express feelings and opinions. Most people are more able to hear opinions, wishes, feelings and preferences than statements that seem to be dogmatic or assume that "we agree!" One of the primary ways in which a speaker can ensure clear communication is to make personal statements. Personal statements provide the listener with a clearer idea of the speaker's intentions than do impersonal statements and therefore offer less possibility of being misunderstood.

THE SKILL

Personal statements are messages referring to yourself---about what you are feeling, what you are doing, what you are thinking, how you see yourself and your behavior, and so on. Whenever you refer to yourself the discussion target is called "personal." The hallmark of personal statements are the pronouns, I, me, and my.

Most of us have learned to make general statements. We have been told that to refer to oneself too frequently is to be self-centered or egotistical. But the best way to achieve a more accurate, clear understanding with another is to learn to use personal statements. The openness and trust communicated by personal statements increases possibilities for developing more honest relationships.

Whenever you are tempted (or through habit) to make generalized statements, reconsider exactly what it is that you really mean!
FRACTICING PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Keep in mind the following general rules for creating more open, clear communication:

1. Avoid speaking in the third person--using such words as "people," "things," "they," "everyone,"--which tends to create distance between communicators, and avoids taking responsibility for one's own feelings and beliefs. Also, try to avoid using abstract ideas, general terms, or any words that make the topic of discussion seem remote from the here and now.

2. Avoid speaking in the second person. Saying "you are" or "you should" do or think or say this or that, (especially if the statement is negative or critical) which tends to erect barriers between those who are communicating and may put the listener on the defensive.

3. Avoid asking "why-because" questions that can contribute to the listener feeling attacked or defensive. A question like, "Why do you take so many notes?" often thinly conceals a criticism of taking notes. If I change all my "why" questions to "I" statements, then I have to take responsibility for my positions, my likes, my dislikes, and my opinions (e.g., "I notice you take a lot of notes in these meetings. Is there some special reason? Are we going to be asked to write a report or evaluation?"). A "why" question that is a real request for information can easily be changed to a more specific question using the words how, which, what, where, when (e.g., "How do you use the notes you take in these meetings?").

Consider the difference in meaning and attitude that a message assumes when impersonal statements are changed to personal ones:

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<td>We should fix dinner.</td>
<td>I'm hungry--I'd like you to help me fix dinner.</td>
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<td>Nobody likes to be interrupted.</td>
<td>I dislike being interrupted.</td>
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<td>Is it safe to drive this fast?</td>
<td>I'm uncomfortable when you drive this fast.</td>
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<td>Everyone likes you.</td>
<td>When I'm around you I feel at ease--I like you.</td>
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<td>You get uptight in a new group.</td>
<td>When I'm in a new group, I really feel anxious.</td>
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<td>It's good to be on time.</td>
<td>I value being prompt for my appointment.</td>
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SPEAKING PERSONALLY (A practice exercise in making "I" statements)

A. Re-write each of the following sentences - changing them from impersonal, generalized statements to statements that tell clearly where the speaker is.

Example: "You're a very interesting conversationalist"
        to
        "I really enjoy talking to you."

1. Is that all there is for dinner?
2. Everyone knows meetings should start with prayer.
3. Why can't you ever be on time?
4. We should go ahead and start the meeting.
5. Most of us feel that this situation must change.
6. It's nice to be in a Christian group.
7. The speaker really missed the boat this morning.
8. You're too rude!
9. We need a coffee break before long.
10. Everyone enjoyed your talk so much.

B. Write three "I" statements describing your experience in doing the above exercise.
Behavior Description
A Basic Communication Skill
for Improving Interpersonal Relationships

The problem: If you and another person are to improve the way you get along together, you must be able to convey what each does that affects the other. This is not easy. Most of us do not describe behavior clearly enough for others to know what actions we have in mind. Instead, we usually state what we infer about his motivations, attitudes, and personality traits; often we are not even aware we are inferring rather than describing. Because we are so used to inferring we may not even know what the other did that lead to our inferences.

The skill of behavior description, then, depends upon accurate observation which, in turn, depends upon being aware of when you are describing and of what you are inferring.

The Skill: A statement must pass two tests to be a behavior description.
1. A behavior description reports specific, observable actions rather than inferences or generalizations about the person's motives, feelings, attitudes or personality traits. It states what was observed. It does not infer about why.

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<td>Bob's eyes filled with tears.</td>
<td>Fran had an appointment elsewhere</td>
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<td>Becky did not say anything when Bill asked her a question.</td>
<td>Bob had a cold</td>
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<td>Bob felt sorry for himself.</td>
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<td>Becky did not hear Bill.</td>
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<td>Becky resented Bill's question.</td>
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<td>Becky was embarrassed.</td>
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2. A behavior description is non-evaluative: it does not say or imply what happened was good or bad, right or wrong. Evaluative statements (such as name calling, accusations, judgments) usually express what the speaker is feeling and convey little about what behavior he observed.

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<td>Jim is rude.</td>
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<td>&quot;Bob, you've taken the opposite of most statements Harry has made today.&quot;</td>
<td>Jim wants to hog the center of attention.</td>
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<td>Fran walked out of the meeting 30 minutes before it was finished.</td>
<td>&quot;Bob, you're just trying to show Harry up.&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;Sam, you cut in before I finished.&quot;</td>
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<td>Fran is irresponsible.</td>
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<td>Fran doesn't care about others.</td>
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<td>&quot;Sam, you deliberately didn't let me finish.&quot;</td>
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The word "deliberately" implies that Sam knowingly and intentionally cut you off. All anybody can observe is that he did cut in before you had finished.

As an example of the difference a behavior description may make, let's suppose you tell me I am rude (a generalized trait) or that I don't care about your...
your feelings (an inference about my motivation). Because I am not trying to be
rude and because I feel I do care about your feelings, I don't know what the basis
is for your negative evaluation of me. We certainly have not moved closer to
a shared understanding. However, if you point out that several times in the
past few minutes I have interrupted you and have overridden you before you
could finish what you were saying, I get a clearer picture of what actions of
mine were affecting you.

Several members of his group have told Ben that he was too arrogant. Ben
was confused and puzzled by this judgement. He was confused because he didn't know
what to do about it; he didn't know what it referred to. He was puzzled because
he didn't feel arrogant or scornful of the others. In fact, he admitted he really
felt nervous and unsure of himself. Finally, Joe said that Ben often laughed
explosively after he made a comment that seemed to have no humorous aspects.
Others immediately agreed this was the behavior that lead them to perceive Ben as
looking down on them and, therefore, arrogant. Ben said he had not been aware
of this.

The pattern, thus, was as follows. When he made a statement of which he
was somewhat unsure, Ben felt insecure. . . . Ben's feelings of insecurity expressed
themselves in an explosive laugh after he made the statement. . . . the other person
perceived Ben as laughing at him. . . . the other person felt put down and hu-
miliated. . . . the other's feeling of humiliation was expressed in the accusation
that Ben was arrogant. Note that Ben had no awareness of his own behavior (the
laugh) which was being misread until Joe accurately described what Ben was doing.
Ben could then see that his laugh was a way of attempting to cope with his own
feelings of insecurity.

To develop skill in describing behavior you must sharpen your observation of
what actually did occur. You must force yourself to pay attention to what is ob-
servable and to hold inferences in abeyance. As you practice this you may find
that many of your conclusions about others are based less on observable evidence
than on your own feelings of affection, insecurity, irritation, jealousy, or
fear. For example, accusations that attribute undesirable motives to another
are usually expressions of the speaker's negative feelings toward the other.

John L. Wallen
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ADDRESS: __________

SS. PETER AND PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY: 1990

PART I

People have told us that the drug traffic in this neighborhood makes it harder to live here. Do you agree?

| AGREE | DISAGREE | DON'T KNOW | NO ANSWER |

If they AGREE, ask: How does the drug traffic make living here harder for you?

If they DISAGREE, ask: What is the problem you are most concerned with in this neighborhood?

I am going to read to you a list of services which some people have found helpful in coping with life in a neighborhood with high drug use. For each service I mention, please tell how likely you would be to use each of these services. Would you be very likely (VL), somewhat likely (SL), not very likely (NVL), or not at all likely (NAA) to use each service I mention.

(CIRCLE RESPONSE)

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Were you satisfied with the service(s) you received?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

Interviewer Observations:

The person we interviewed was:  _____ Male  _____ Female

_____ African-American  _____ White/Caucasian

_____ Hispanic  Other:  _______________________

Age Range:  _____ 16 - 40  _____ 41 - 65  _____ 65+

Other Comments:  ________________________________________
PART I

People have told us that the drug traffic in this neighborhood makes it harder to live here. Do you agree?

_____ AGREE _____ DISAGREE _____ DON'T KNOW _____ NO ANSWER

If they AGREE, ask: How does the drug traffic make living here harder for you?

If they DISAGREE, ask: What is the problem you are most concerned with in this neighborhood?

Do you think our neighborhood should have (a) ____________________________?

Would you make use of/go to (a) ____________________________ if it was available?

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SURVEY INTRODUCTION

We are from Ss. Peter and Paul Church. We have a soup kitchen, clothes closet and day care center. Last year we sponsored a drug march and block party. We now want to take a step further and respond to drugs in a way which will help people to cope with this problem which is all around us.

We want to gather data from the residents of this community. We want to know what you think would help you to cope better. Would you be willing to answer a few questions for us?

If you don't want to answer any question, just say so and we'll leave it blank.

GO TO SURVEY.

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Please note what happened at each house/apartment you approach:

___ Need Spanish speaker
___ No answer/No one home.
___ No answer/Someone home.
___ Only children at home
___ Come back later at ______ a.m/p.m.
___ Boarded up
___ Vacant
___ Said "no" to responding to survey
___ Other:______________________________________________________________
For each service I mention, please tell how likely you would be to use each of these services. Would you be very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely to use each service I mention.

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- Religious Worship
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SAINTS PETER & PAUL
Mutual Housing Project
681 Brown Street
Rochester, New York

Tuesday - June 5, 1990

11:00 A.M.

The Saints Peter and Paul Mutual Housing Project was developed with funds provided by the New York State Department of Social Services and the City of Rochester. The Saints Peter and Paul Mutual Housing Project will provide permanent, safe, affordable housing for twelve homeless families. This project includes six two-bedroom and six three-bedroom apartments.

The Honorable Mayor Thomas P. Ryan, Jr. will preside. John Grover - Assistant Bureau Director - Bureau of Supported Housing Development, New York State Department of Social Services, will present a citation from Governor Mario M. Cuomo.

Developer: Housing Opportunities, Inc.

Architectural Services: Lozier Architects/Engineers

General Contractor: Kend Construction
Ss. Peter and Paul Social Ministry Committee
Minutes of June 20, 1990 Meeting

Present: Mary Cartella, Dorothy Frederick, Ken Maher, Melissa Marquez and Martha Ann Sims

We began with prayer and reflection lead by Martha Ann.

PRO-LIFE CONTACT
Dorothy agreed to serve as the Pro-Life contact for the Committee. She will attend a workshop on July 24 sponsored by CFC. MANY THANKS!

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY
We agreed that the materials for surveying should be kept at the rectory in order to make it available to anyone able to go out without having to call Melissa first. The materials will be kept in the Social Ministry bin in the room with the copier on the second floor. There will be a sign-in sheet to keep track of what streets and house numbers people have completed.

We discussed the idea to put up posters keeping track of our progress towards completing 200 surveys so that parishioners can be visually reminded of our efforts and perhaps join in. Martha Ann will check with her daughter Katy to see if she’ll use her artistic talents for the posters. Melissa will provide a suggested format for her to work from. We will place posters at the back side entrance, the center side entrance, the front entrance and in the fellowship room.

We agreed to 2 more dates for large group surveying: July 15 and July 22 from 12 noon to 2:00 pm. We checked the calendar and told the Liturgy Committee. We will place reminders in the bulletin and try to get many others to join for one or both days. Martha Ann, Melissa and perhaps Jean DiGiovanni will work together to tabulate results from the surveys.

OTHER PLANS FOR OUR DRUG OUTREACH WORKPLAN
Mary Cartella volunteered to coordinate our efforts on the Parish Forum! We brought up lots of ideas to involve youth from the parish, adults and survey respondents. Mary will work closely with Fr. David and Barbara. Martha Ann volunteered to assist Mary.

Martha Ann reported on her meeting with Joan Tannous at DePaul. Joan had many concerns for the neighborhood. DePaul doesn’t really deal with people on drugs. She suggested we stay in contact with Greater Rochester Fights Back. She supports our efforts.

Ken mentioned that there is a group called "La Vida" which is working on an outreach center that is for/run by Hispanics. They are turning a former bar into a coffeehouse for recovering alcoholics. We might want to be in touch with them. Ken agreed to serve as the contact with the MLK Center and health surveying efforts. He also told us about a meeting on June 28 at East High School sponsored by groups from the Northeast area. Anyone of us who can attend should try to do so. We discussed the impact that a drug campaign in one part of the city can have on another. (ie., increased drug traffic in our area). It would be good for us to make every effort to keep posted.
We agreed that we also want to proceed with the kitchen surveying and need to meet with Nancy on this aspect of our work plan. Evaluation is very important and we need to continue to evaluate what is working and ways to improve making connections within the parish and with parish staff.

SOCIAL GATHERING AT JOANNE’S
We called Joanne and agreed to postpone our gathering due to Joanne’s broken wrist. We tried to find a date in July but were unable to do so. We will talk with Mary L. and Joanne.

KITCHEN AND DAY CARE MINISTRIES
We discussed our connections to these two important ministries through our role on the Advisory Boards of each. We agreed that we wanted to encourage and recommend that these outreach ministries are more closely connected especially when we do fundraising. We agreed how important it is to educate our donors about the ministry of our Day Care. We are feeding the minds of the future generations of people in this neighborhood. We need to be explicit about this and give people the option to donate to the Day Care Center. Melissa will bring this to the next Kitchen Board meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY PAPER
Melissa wanted to know whether members from the Committee would be interested in a retreat opportunity for Parish Council and Committee members in which we would explore further the document our parish prepared for the Commitment to Ministry Process. People liked this idea.

SOCIAL MINISTRY EDUCATION
As part of our next agenda we will discuss what kind of on-going education we want to pursue in the coming year in order to make us more effective Social Ministry leaders.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 11 at 7:00 pm. (We will continue to meet during the summer.)
Anti-drug organizer talks here

Mary Weathers rallies northeast residents

By Paige Biema
Democrat and Chronicle

The night doesn't belong to Michelob—it belongs to the community, nationally renowned anti-drug organizer Mary Weathers told a group of about 100 people in Rochester last night.

Nor does the night belong to drug dealers, gang members, drug addicts or even the police, she said.

Weathers achieved fame in Kansas City, Mo., where she organized candlelight vigils in front of known and suspected drug houses and placed messages such as "Attention: Drug Dealers — Get Out of Our Neighborhood," on billboards throughout the city.

She spoke last night at East High School at a meeting sponsored by North East Drive for Drug-Free Neighborhoods.

The new organization, aimed at people who are fed up with an increased number of drug houses and drug-related crimes in the northeast section of Rochester, hopes to help residents pull together along the lines of Weathers' grassroots-organization style.

"The only reason people come into our neighborhoods and sell drugs is because we allow them to," said Weathers, a former crack cocaine addict. The enthusiastic crowd responded with calls of "All right!"

While Weathers stressed the importance of working closely with the police—especially by calling drug hotlines with information on neighborhood drug houses—she said the key to solving the drug problem rests in getting back to the "olden days" when neighbors looked after each other and actively set the standards for their community.

"Until we say it is up to us — not the

Mary Weathers last night encourages audience to fight drug traffickers.

Anti-drug figure talks in Rochester

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police or the governor — to make a difference, our destinies will always be in somebody else's hands," Weathers said.

A question-and-answer period followed the speech.

Margaret Niewinski, a northeast neighborhood resident who said she frequently sees drug deals going on around her home, said she was scared to call police.

"I'm a single parent with two children and I live by myself and I'm afraid (to call the police)," she said.

But Weathers said that drug hotlines are always anonymous and, if citizens are trained in how to recognize drug houses and give police accurate, helpful information, the hotlines can be very effective.

Jonathan Hopkins, who lives on Quincy Road, said he has called the police several times about drug houses in his neighborhood but nothing has happened.

Weathers said he should keep calling, get community support behind him and demand to speak to the chief of police if he had to.
Ss. Peter and Paul Social Ministry Committee
Minutes of July 11, 1990 Meeting

Present: Mary Cartella, Joanne Corcimiglia, Ken Maher, Melissa Marquez, Fr. David Reid, Martha Ann Sims and 2 members from St. Mary’s SMC

We began with prayer and reflection lead by Melissa.

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY
We discussed how we might get more surveyors. We thought that perhaps Sundays might not be the best day and set two dates in August on Saturday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. (8/11 & 8/25). We tried to brainstorm a theme that could help us generate more interest. Another idea was to ask Dorothy to speak to the parish about her experience of going out. We also agreed that we should be more mindful of the time we spend at houses in order to complete more surveys when we’re out. We can tell interested people that we’ll be back to get them for a community forum. We agreed to make Labor Day our goal for completing the 200 surveys. That means trying to get about 40 each time we go out.

PARISH FORUM
We agreed that the purpose of the forum was to share data from the surveys and to get people to talk about and discuss our direction for future ministry. We agreed that we should give surveys out ahead of time to facilitate the discussion and focus on the top three ideas at the forum. Mary and Martha Ann will meet with Fr. David to put together a suggested format for our review at the next meeting. We tentatively chose, Sunday, October 8th as the date, from 11:30 - 1:00 with lunch at 12:30. This would close out our Respect Life Month efforts.

OTHER PLANS
Some people will try to attend the Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Assn. meeting on August 1st at Maxine Childress Brown’s office. We need to find out when SWAN and Mayor’s Height’s has meetings to let them know about our work. We postponed talking about neighborhood churches and the Kitchen surveying until the next meeting.

OTHER ITEMS
Melissa gave an update on the local boycott efforts. For a variety of reasons the major effort is focused on three Wegman’s and trying to educate people going into the store. We chose August 10 at 5:00 pm to celebrate our year’s work at Joanne’s house. We postponed talking about educational plans until next month.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 8 at 7:00 pm. (We will continue to meet during the summer.)
SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

July 11, 1990 Meeting

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer - Melissa

2. Neighborhood Surveying: Generating surveyors
   Theme & Momentum
   Target Date to Reach Our Goal

3. Parish Forum: Purpose, plans & ideas

4. Other Plans: Contacting Neighborhood Associations
   Contacting Neighborhood Churches
   Kitchen Survey work
   CFC Role

5. Other Items: Update on UFW Boycott
   Date for Social Gathering/Celebration
   Theological Reflection/Education in 1990

6. Next Meeting Date/Prayer Assignment

7. Closing Prayer - Melissa
Ss. Peter and Paul Social Ministry Committee
Minutes of August 8, 1990 Meeting

Present: Mary Cartella, Barbara Classen, Joanne Corcimiglia, Dorothy Frederick, Mary Leahy-Dewitt and Melissa Marquez

We began with prayer and reflection lead by Mary L.

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY
We discussed the need to make changes to the survey form and agreed that since we had 100 completed with the old form, we could make changes for the next 100. The section to be changed will be the "services" section to streamline this and make it clearer about the difference between those who want to have the service in the area but may not use the service.

A woman named Patricia Dean, who lives on York St. is willing to compile the statistical data from the surveys for us. She is very interested in our work and knows how to do computerized statistical analysis. Melissa will work with her to arrange for her to work on this. Melissa will also contact Jean Di Giovanni regarding doing the written portion responses. We agreed to move to the 2nd target area and the third rather than going back to any of the streets in the first target area.

PARISH FORUM
We will discuss the Parish Forum at our September SMC meeting. Mary C. will work with the Parish staff to develop the design of the forum. We discussed with Barbara the issue that the Education Program is designed to occur after Fellowship on Sundays. If this happens every Sunday, how do we work this out with things like the Parish Forum, which is slated for the same time period. We discussed the idea of having one Sunday of the month set aside for other activities. We agreed that this is an issue to be discussed further by the Parish staff and Parish Council.

OTHER PLANS
No one made it to the Susan B. Anthony meeting on August 1st. We will try to schedule meetings for September with the 3 neighborhood associations. We postponed our other agenda items: contacting neighborhood churches, kitchen survey work and CFC role.

OTHER ITEMS
Dorothy distributed materials she received at the Pro-Life Network training. She will see if she can get a copy of Fr. Firpo's talk, which was very inspiring, to give to the SMC members. We agreed that we will look at different ideas for planning pro-life efforts at our September meeting. We discussed the long-range planning needs in terms of the kitchen and outreach ministries and our future directions as a result of the surveying. We need to work on improving lines of communication and clarity about the various roles and policy-making and decision-making in terms of the Committee, Parish Council and Kitchen. In terms of theological reflection/education, Barbara mentioned that the Education Program will have a bible study format for adults until advent, then lectionary-based format, than after that there are no other plans. Perhaps the topics that interest us could be part of the Education program for the entire parish. We also agreed to route things to each other.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm. Dorothy will prepare prayer.
SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

August 8, 1990 Meeting

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer - Mary

2. Neighborhood Survey: Changes to the form
   Data analysis
   Target Area

3. Parish Forum: Update on Progress

4. Other Plans: Contacting Neighborhood Associations
   Contacting Neighborhood Churches
   Kitchen Survey work
   CFC Role

5. Other Items: Pro-Life Network
   Long-Range Planning for Kitchen/Outreach Min.
   Congress and your Congregation Workshop
   Theological Reflection/Education in 1990

6. Next Meeting Date/Prayer Assignment: Dorothy F.

7. Closing Prayer - Mary L.
SSPP Neighborhood Survey!

Join us on: Saturday Aug. 25
1:30 - 3:30 pm

We will go out in pairs and meet neighborhood residents to find out their concerns and hopes for the neighborhood.

Help us reach our Goal!
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- Dorothy

**SUN: 9/2**
- 4-6
- Mary C.

**MON: 9/3**
- 4:30-6:30 Joanna

**TUES: 9/4**
- 4:45 pm Joanna

**WED: 9/5**
- 1:00-3:00pm
- Dorothy

**Cancelled**
- 4:00-6:00pm
- Mary C.
- Melissa
MEMO TO: Mary C., Barbara, Joanne, Dorothy, Mary L., Ken, Fr. David, and Martha Ann
FROM: Melissa
DATE: August 31, 1990
RE: Social Ministry Committee Update

There are a number of items that have come up since our last meeting and I wanted to pass them along to you. I thought putting it in writing might be the best way to do so and I don't forget anyone or anything. I am also enclosing the minutes from our August 8th meeting for your review.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY MEETING:
The next meeting of the Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Association is Wednesday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Carriage House at 13 King Street. We need to make sure SMC representatives at the meeting. I will be going, so please let me know if you can make it to the meeting.

SOUTH WEST AREA NEIGHBORHOOD (SWAN) MEETING:
The next meeting of SWAN is Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. We will be the first item on their agenda. Check your calendars to see if you're able to attend this meeting. The office is located at 614 Jefferson Avenue.

"WHERE THERE IS HOPE" CAMPAIGN:
Several churches in the southwest part of the City are involved in a health care/health fair campaign. Ken mentioned this to us once a few months ago. There will be a Health Fair and Gospel Music Festival on Saturday, September 22nd from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Medical Center, West Square Manor, 290 Truop Street. They are looking for people from churches able to help out with registration, passing out literature and doing paper work for some of the health screening. They are also planning a door-to-door campaign from September 10 - 21 to take a health care survey and promote the health fair. I have informed them of our survey work in the neighborhood and will be finding out more on how they're mapping out the neighborhood. They have planned a volunteer training session and a commissioning service. Please see the attached schedule and let me know your thoughts on our involvement and if you are interested in helping out.

SCHEDULING OF PROGRAMS ON SUNDAYS AFTER MASS:
Barbara and Fr. David agreed that the way they would like to handle scheduling of activities after Sunday Mass is that if there is something planned in advance, there will not be the formal Education Program offered on that date. Let me know what you think about this suggested plan. If it's OK with most everybody, we won't bring this issue up at Parish Council as we had discussed at our last meeting. Since our next meeting is after the next Parish Council meeting, I wanted to mention this ahead of time.
PARISH FORUM, SURVEY RESULTS AND NEXT STEPS:
I have been thinking about the timeline for the Parish Forum and how this connects to our role and the Parish Council's role in deciding what our next steps will be after the survey. What I'd like to suggest is the following process and timeline:

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There are other parts that need to occur, like: the surveying done in the Kitchen (perhaps at the end of September); presenting this plan to Kitchen volunteers and the Kitchen Advisory Board for their input; gathering input from the Parish Staff and perhaps Diocesan officials; presenting the plan to the Day Care Advisory Board; and other suggestions that we come up with.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THIS AND I'LL KEEP SHARING WITH YOU WHAT I'VE HEARD SO FAR... UNLESS YOU THINK WE SHOULD HAVE A BRIEF MEETING PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 11.

SEARCH FOR NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE KITCHEN:
As you know, our parish will be working on hiring a new Kitchen Director. I have suggested to the Advisory Board that someone from Social Ministry serve on the Search Committee. I'm not sure whether this will happen, but I thought I should let you know that this may come up. If you are interested in this, let me know and I'll keep people posted as things take shape.

Finally, LET'S REACH OUR GOAL OF 200!!

KITCHEN - How do we do it logistically? Going to Tenant mtgs...
At least 50% have been completed on the attached

STREETS TO BE COVERED FOR DRUG SURVEY

SECTION I (approximately 300 occupied housing units)

- 516 - 786 (even only) Brown Street - 57% - Both Sides*
- 1 - 21 Kensington Street - 64%
- 22 - 239 Silver Street - 43%
- 15 - 39 (odd only) & 63 - 86 Eddy Street - 50%
- 1 - 87 (odd only) & 99 - 115 (odd only) Dengler Street - 33%
- 21 - 157 & 160 - 180 (even only) York Street - 54%
- 2 - 20 Victoria Street - 50%
- 4 - 109 Taylor Street - 47%
- 11 - 45 Essex Street - 51%
- 12 - 78 Love Street - 47%
- 313 - 507 (odd only) Maple Street
- 7 - 30 Saxton Street - 33%
- 18-33 Hertel St. - 75%

SECTION II (approximately 115 occupied housing units)

- 4 - 18 Terry Street - 50%
- 2 - 34 Arklow Street - 60%
- 6 - 33 Wentworth Street - 60%
- 4 - 27 New York Street - 57%
- 505 - 793 (odd only) Brown Street * - See above
- 614 - 856 (even only) West Main Street
- 25 - 139 (odd only) Jefferson Avenue - 49%

Others

- Mike
- Connie
- Becky
- Lucille
- Louise

- Mary C
- Marie
- Melissa
- Dorothy

- Ken
- Jeremiah
- Joanne
- Mary L

Surveyors

Martha Ann
Fr. David
TO: SSPP Parish Council

FROM: SSPP Social Ministry Committee

We are presently wrapping up the SSPP Neighborhood Survey and have set up the following timeline in order to present the survey results and propose a plan of action to the Parish Council, parishioners in general and other interested parties. We see the proposed timeline and the work involved as an evolutionary and collaborative process.

The surveying has been a very profound and exciting experience for us. We have met many good people who are interested in what our church is doing in the neighborhood and want to be involved in future directions. The following timeline will help us to work towards setting future directions for our outreach ministry.

The timeline is as follows:

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We also plan to gather input from other sources beyond the parish and parish council: Kitchen volunteers and guests; Kitchen Advisory Board members; Day Care Advisory Board members and Day Care parents; tenants in our mutual housing; some of the interested neighborhood contacts; diocesan officials and neighborhood groups and agencies.

Most importantly, we invite the members of the Parish Council to attend and actively participate in the Parish Forum scheduled for Sunday, October 28 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.
we began with prayer and reflection lead by Dorothy.

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY AND PLANNING

We discussed the timeline and process that was submitted to the Parish Council. We agreed to hold our planning meeting on Sunday, September 30, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Melissa will see if the rectory is available or have it at her house. We also scheduled a follow-up meeting for Monday, Oct. 8 at 7:00 pm. to review the draft and make any final changes before it is submitted to Parish Council. We will give it to people early enough to review ahead of the meeting the 8th.

PARISH FORUM

Mary Cartella took us through the plans for the Parish Forum and said that she would prepare the written materials on these plans.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY AND OUTREACH

Ken Maher from CFC has indicated that he will be able to contribute more time to our efforts. We need to decide whether we’d like to have him work a certain number of hours per week or as we need him.

We discussed the need to show the draft plan to a wide audience, but especially to some of the residents who were interested in doing more. We might also want to show it to some other Social Ministry Committees. Joanne agreed to coordinate our effort to gather input from/survey the guests at the Kitchen. She will check with Brother Bob to see if it is OK for us to do surveying at the end of the month. Mary L. said that the best way to do the surveying would be to go from table to table and ask people to answer the questions. We will try for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 27 - 29.

ECLERATING RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Respect Life Sunday will be October 6/7. Fr. David agreed to incorporate this theme into the homily. We will also use the liturgical suggestions, prayers, bulletin inserts and posters provided by the diocese. Dorothy and Melissa will work on a calendar to put in as an enclosure with the bulletin for that weekend. We will include the Parish Forum as the closing activity for Respect Life Month. We agreed that we need to make plans for the year to do prayer and action outside of Respect Life Month.

OTHER ITEMS

The Regional Meetings of CFC are scheduled for the second Wednesdays throughout the year. We will need to discuss a change in our date of monthly meetings in order to be able to attend the CFC meeting. We still need to do planning for other Social Ministry work throughout the year, including an opportunity for theological reflection and education.

SELECTING A CHAIRPERSON

Joanne Corcimiglia agreed to serve as Chairperson for the coming year. Melissa will coordinate the work of the outreach plan which we agreed would become a subcommittee so that we could also work on other SMC concerns and invite residents to participate in the work of the the subcommittee.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm. Joanne will prepare prayer.
SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

September 12, 1990 Meeting

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer - Dorothy (15 minutes)

2. Drafting Plan for Neighborhood Outreach/Next Steps (1 hr)
   * Timeline, Process, Meeting Dates - Melissa (5)
   * Parish Forum - Mary C. (25)
   * CFC Role in the coming months (5)
   * Other People we want input from?: (15)
     - Kitchen guests and volunteers - Joanne
     - Kitchen Advisory Board members
     - Day Care Staff, Advisory Board members and Parents
     - Tenants in the SSPP Mutual Housing
     - Interested neighborhood contacts
     - Diocesan Officials
     - Neighborhood churches, groups & agencies
     - Government officials
     - Others?

   * Finances/Proposal Writing (10)

3. Celebrating Respect Life Month - Dorothy (20 min.)

4. Brief Items: Regional Meetings
   (5 min.) Planning for the Year - Other Efforts
   Theological Reflection/Education in 1990
   Other?

5. Selecting a Chairperson for 1990 - 1991 (15 min.)

6. Next Meeting Date/Prayer Assignment: Joanne Corcimiglia
   and Closing Prayer - Dorothy (5 min.)
Dear Friend,
Please return this paper to Melissa, if possible, by Sunday morning mass 10/30/90. Thanks.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish
Social Ministry Committee
1990 Neighborhood Drug Survey
Evaluation Tool

Instructions: Read over the tabulations of the neighborhood drug survey. Using the information contained in the tabulations, along with your own experience of surveying, select the three problems you feel are the most important and list them below in order of priority. In the space after each problem, write a brief description of how you feel the problem could be solved, either by own parish or by any other means. (For example, by advocating for another agency to provide the solution.) Be wild and creative!

First problem: a need to provide a support group
Possible solution: visitation for those with immediate need for support

Second problem: a way for the community to come together
Possible solution: community forum; community organizer; drop-in center

Third problem: drugs
Possible solution: support = community response

[Handwritten notes:
- a need to build community; isolation yet commonality
- a variety of needs; some of which require community raising
- York Street = contrast
- split in the response after the tool changed]
SS. FETER AND PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY: 1990

RESULTS FROM 187 RESIDENTS

PART I

People have told us that the drug traffic in this neighborhood makes it harder to live here. Do you agree?

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(Please see the attached pages for written responses from survey.)

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<td>Community Organizer: 89% 2% 8% 76% 2% 6% 16%</td>
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<td>Neighborhood Drop-In Center: 88% 5% 7% 67% 7% 7% 18%</td>
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<td>Place for Recovering Addicts: 82% 7% 11% 35% 17% 28% 20%</td>
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<td>Charles House: 48% 42% 7% 2%</td>
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<td>B&amp;G Club/Campbell St Rec/CYO: 34% 51% 7% 8%</td>
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<td>Center for Youth Services: 14% 52% 20% 13%</td>
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<td>Community Action Project/ABC: 35% 40% 11% 14%</td>
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B&G = Boys & Girls
CYO = Catholic Youth Org.
ABC = Action for A Better Community

(Yes = "Never heard of it.")
SS. PETER AND PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY: 1990
RESULTS (Continued)

PART II

Do you rent or own your own home?

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Have you been a victim of crime or violence?

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Are you employed now?

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If yes, do you work full or part time?

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<td>SWEM Emergency Food</td>
<td>13%</td>
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(Please see the attached pages for written response to: "Were you satisfied with the services you received?")

CHARACTERISTICS OF PEOPLE WHO COMPLETED THE SURVEY:

| Female: | 64% | African-American: | 71% | Under 15 yrs: | 1% |
|         |     | White/Caucasian:  | 22% | 16 - 40 yrs:  | 56% |
| Male:   | 35% | Hispanic:         | 3%  | 41 - 65 yrs:  | 25% |
|         |     | Other/Mixed Race: | 2%  | Over 65 yrs:  | 13% |

For further information contact: Social Ministry Committee, SS. Peter and Paul Church, 720 West Main Street, Rochester NY 14611.
Saints Peter and Paul Parish
Social Ministry Committee
1990 Neighborhood Drug Survey
Plan Development Meeting
September 30, 1990

AGENDA

3:00 Gathering for prayer

3:30 Personal reflections: Each participant will be asked to address the following question in a period of 5 minutes or less: "What have I learned about the neighborhood of the parish by participating in this survey?"

4:00 Evaluation Tool results
(a) We will look at a list of all the problems identified by participants.
(b) We will look at a prioritized list of the same problems based on the rankings of the participants.
(c) We will look at the solutions suggested by the participants.
Goal: During this hour we will decide, by consensus, which of these solutions we want to initiate over the next three years. The result of this discussion will be the selection of two goals, one long-term (to be achieved within one year) and one short-term (to be achieved within three years).

5:00 Supper and other necessary frivolities*

6:00 Development of the plan (How do we want to achieve our goals?)
(a) We will brainstorm objectives ("how's") for our two goals.
(b) We will knead and fondle the objectives into a workable plan for action.
(c) We will discuss, if there is time, where to secure the human and financial resources we need to fulfill our dream.

8:00 Fond farewells

*Bring golf clubs, knitting, old nylon stockings, Legos, overripe tomatoes, communist propaganda, pet peeves, bubble gum, annoying tendencies, baseball cards, or anything else of significance that you would like to share.
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE
PLANNING MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1990

Call to Prayer

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:1 - 11

Silent Prayer

A Reading from Economic Justice For All, #1 - #5 and #125 - #126

Shared Reflection

Closing Prayer: "A Meeting" from Miryam of Nazareth, Woman of Strength and Courage

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A MEETING

Acts 1:13-26

Today we gather.
Meeting together to consider
where we stand
and who we are.

We come to order ourselves
into a new sense of order according to our progress
from the last gathering to this one.

Be with us, O God,
in this space and time
as we affirm and shape the changes
in our understanding of the Way.

We desire not to fly apart
in garish fantasy of vision
but rather to move the boundaries
that we have set before
in order to encompass and embrace
the living and breathing growth
of each and all.
We work in prayer and dialogue.
   In going back to see where we have been,
   we steady ourselves
   for the journey forward today.

We are here
   to reconcile all that we were,
   our trust . . . our hopelessness
   our joy . . . our despair
   our confirming . . . our betrayal
   to offer a farewell to those departed
   and to welcome those who are newly come.
To confess, absolve, reconcile, renew.
To be all that we can be.

To set firm a pathway that is possible.
   Possible for us to walk until we meet again
   to reassess the journey
   and again set firm a pathway.

Each step along the way we clear the stones and obstacles,
   healing and refreshing each other.
We listen openly to each tale of travel and
   hear each one's proposal for the time ahead.

Knowing you are here, God,
   we are freer in our interaction,
   more daring in the sharing of our personal visions,
   loving in our confrontation,
   deeply silent in consideration and
   accepting in the choices that for a little while will help us to define
   our actions
   until broader definitions draw us on.

In this your presence,
   we meet to order ourselves anew,
   to consider where we stand and who we are.
Today we gather.
**FIRST**

- The need for Community Organizer/Neighborhood Social Worker
- The need to have an organized voice: build community
- The need to provide an outreach
- Entertainment/recreation for children
- Safety/security
- Lack of Community Organization--Community pride
- Environmental:
  - Unsafe for children
  - Unsafe for elderly

**SECOND**

- The need for Neighborhood Drop-in Center
- The need of the families in our Mutual Housing (SS. Peter & Paul "old school")
- A way for the community to come together
- Lack of drug education
- KIDS
- Job Training--for young people (teenagers) -- build confidence
- Lack of Cultural Activity

**THIRD**

- The need for Entertainment Opportunities
- Brown Street--Housing Conditions/Drugs/Ownership
- DRUGS
- Non-working families on welfare
- Isolation
- Sense of Community
- Children need playground/rec center--place to socialize and to learn skills in socializing

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*Nov 13th - 7:30-8:00*
SOLUTIONS

FIRST
- Work with Charles House/NWCS to have a PT/FT organizer for the area.
- Organize through Community Building—emotional, spiritual, cultural & economic
- Home visitation for those with immediate need for support
- Parent support group
- Some form of block group (Preventative Awareness & support to make connections)
- Establish neighborhood drop-in center and bring in community organizer to clean up & bring actions against drug dealers. Provide drug education programs and parenting support groups.
- More home ownership, cooperative housing & more attention from City Hall. Structure to exert pressure on property owners/code enforcement.

SOLUTIONS

SECOND
- Use of kitchen from 4-9 p.m., M-S as a drop-in center with games/speakers available & raise funds so in 5 years could own a small building to have services along with drop-in center.
- Summer activities for Children/youth, support for tenant association to focus on issues like need for playground
- Community forum; community organizer; drop-in center
- Bring in (drug) educators—one afternoon a week or so
- Latch key programs/recreation programs/places; ways for them to participate (lawn clean up/homebound)
- Ask neighborhood businesses to take part in some of the training
- Non-profit "ice cream" business
SOLUTIONS

THIRD

- First 2 years--organize outings at minimal costs to movies, bowling, day trips for children/teens/adults/families using local business for subsidies

- Campaign to improve Brown St.: target landlords for safety/security issues; possibly use neighborhood watch/PAC-TAC

- Support=Community response on Drug issues

- Neighborhood Social Worker

- Block groups + activity of any positive sort will break through the pattern.

- Community Center--Safe environment
COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

- Work with Charles House/NWCS to have a PT/FT organizer for the area.

- Organize through community-building: emotional, spiritual, cultural, & economic.

- Establish neighborhood drop-in center & bring in community organizer to organize residents to clean up the neighborhood & bring actions against drug dealers. Provide drug education programs & parenting support groups & summer youth programs.

- Use of kitchen 4-9 p.m., M-S as a drop-in center with games/speakers available & raise funds so in 5 years could own a small building to have services along with drop-in center.

- Community forum; community organizer; drop-in center

- Community center: safe environment.

KIDS/YOUTH

- Use kitchen, 4-9 p.m., M-S as drop-in center. Games + speakers. Raise funds to purchase small building to have services along with drop-in center.

- Summer activities for children/youth, support for tenant association to focus on issues like need for playground.

- Latch Key programs/recreation programs + places; ways for them to participate (lawn clean-up, homebound)

- Parent support group.

- First two years--organize outings, at minimal cost, to movies, bowling, day trips for children, teens, families (adults) using local businesses for subsidies.

- Community center--safe environment

- Ask neighborhood businesses to take part in some of the job training for youth.
GOAL: In 3 years, we will have established a membership-based community center which enables the residents of the neighborhood of Ss. Peter & Paul to address their cultural, economic, and spiritual well-being.

First Year
- recruit planning group (SMC subcommittee)
- plan summer-long activities
- secure financial commitments
- develop a personnel plan
- evaluate

Second year
- recruit other members (min. 100)
- plan year-long activities
- implement summer-long activities
- have minimal staff in place
- recruit volunteers
- evaluate

Third year
- implement year-long activities
- have full staff & volunteer pool
- increase membership base
- hold election of leadership at annual meeting
- evaluate
GOAL: In 3 years, we will have established a membership-based community center which enables the residents of the neighborhood of Ss. Peter & Paul to address their cultural, economic, and spiritual well-being.

First Year (July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991)
- Recruit planning group (SMC subcommittee)
- Plan short, long activities
- Develop a personnel plan
- Evaluate

Second Year (July 1, 1991 - 1992)
- Recruit other members (min. 100)
- Plan year-long activities
- Implement summer-long activities
- Have minimal staff in place
- Evaluate
- Solidify
- Develop plan for establishing the physical community center

Third Year
- Implement year-long activities
- Have full staff & volunteer pool from the membership
- Increase membership base
- Hold election of leadership at annual meeting of the entire membership
- Evaluate

Additional information
- Where goin to do the work (staff)
- If there’s no paid staff = money, no money
- Parish will be used.

Means to the end

What expectation

Definition:
- Membership-based
RESPECT LIFE MONTH ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 1990

October 7: RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. - Family Mass

2:00 p.m. - Healing Service for all who have been touched by abortion. Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Parkway; Bishop Clark will preside.

October 13: PEACE DIVIDEND TOWN MEETING

10:00 a.m. - A meeting open to all citizens interested in speaking out on issues related to domestic needs and national priorities, tax reform and the Federal Budget. To be held at the Universalist Church of Rochester, 150 S. Clinton Avenue.

October 14: MELITA HOUSE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF MINISTRY to young pregnant and parenting women who choose life.

2:00 p.m. - Eucharist at St. Michael's Church, 869 N. Clinton Avenue, followed by a reception and tours of Melita House.

October 21: RESULTS FROM SSPP NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

The Social Ministry Committee will provide the Parish Community with the results of the neighborhood survey and a draft plan of our next steps.

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* October 28: SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH COMMUNITY FORUM *

* 10:00 a.m. Liturgy *

* 11:00 a.m. We will hold the parish forum and share a meal down in the Kitchen. Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in discussing plans for future outreach ministries to respond to the needs from the neighborhood survey.

* PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! *
PROPOSAL TO THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL’S CHURCH

FROM THE SSPP SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

THREE YEAR PLAN FOR STRENGTHENING OUR OUTREACH

IN THE SSPP NEIGHBORHOOD

"Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" Jesus said, "'You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well."

Matthew 22:36-40

- D R A F T -

OCTOBER 9, 1990
Background and Context

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish has been actively engaged in outreach ministry to the neighborhood for many years. St. Peter's Kitchen, the Clothing Center, the Day Care Center, the Mutual Housing Project and our participation in the SWEM Emergency Food Program are all examples of our active social ministry. The role of the Social Ministry Committee of the SSPP Parish Council is to integrate our outreach efforts and provide direction for future parish initiatives.

In July 1989, the Social Ministry Committee of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish sponsored a neighborhood picnic and anti-drug march. It was a memorable day and we agreed to keep up our efforts in reaching out to the neighborhood residents. By February 1990, we had developed a work plan to help us gather information in order to decide what our next steps would be. From March until September we implemented our work plan. A neighborhood survey became the major focus of our work.

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4. Working with the residents of the neighborhood, not just for the residents is essential. We want to be partners in creating a non-violent, supportive environment for individuals, families and children to live and grow.

5. We want to effectively act to improve the neighborhood while consciously ensuring that residents will not be displaced and that our efforts do not duplicate existing services or activities.
PROPOSED THREE YEAR PLAN OF ACTION

Goal
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First Year Objectives (July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1990)
* Recruit and provide leadership development to core planning group which will meet regularly to implement this plan of action. Members will come from interested residents identified through the surveying as well as from our parish community.
* Plan and promote participation in summer-long activities for adults and children which will introduce and involve more residents in our plans for a community center.
* Explore our financial needs and potential sources; work to secure financial commitments to support our efforts.
* Develop a personnel plan for the staffing of the project in its second and third years.

Second Year Objectives (July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992)
* Expand the membership-base of the community center to at least 100 participants through a membership campaign.
* Implementation of planned summer-long activities involving at least 50 people.
* Develop the plan for establishing the physical location of the community center.
* Plan year-long social, cultural, economic and spiritual activities for the third year. If possible, conduct at least one such activity in the Spring of the second year.
* Necessary staff in place to accomplish second year objectives.

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* Implementation of planned year-long activities.
* Staffing in place for implementation of third year objectives.
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As a membership-based community center, residents will be able to participate in the overall direction and activities of the center. We believe this is the most authentic way of creating participation and building a strong sense of community-ownership. We believe that as members of the community center, the residents of the neighborhood will be able to take their visions for the neighborhood and work together to make them a reality. Finally, residents who become members will be asked to make a commitment to a written set of values upon which the community center will operate. We believe this is the key to ensuring that the community center will be a safe and supportive environment.

**Additional Information**

* Until paid staff are in place, the proposed work will be coordinated by volunteers. The core planning group will initially be a subcommittee of the SSPP Social Ministry Committee.

* We will not be asking Ss. Peter and Paul's Parish to contribute any money from our operating budget.

* In all three years, we will thoughtfully evaluate our work to ensure its effectiveness and incorporate any changes that are deemed necessary.

* The following two pages are summaries of our data and information gathered from the neighborhood survey. Within the area surveyed, we interviewed 50% of the total housing units which were not vacant or boarded up.

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SS. PETER AND PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY: 1990
RESULTS FROM 187 RESIDENTS

PART I

People have told us that the drug traffic in this neighborhood makes it harder to live here. Do you agree?

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Have you or your family used the services of:  

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Would you like to see Police Patrols on foot in this neighborhood?  

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SS. PETER AND PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY: 1990
RESULTS (Continued)

PART II

Do you rent or own your own home?

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Have you been a victim of crime or violence?

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Are you employed now?

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<td>2%</td>
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<td>10%</td>
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(Please see the attached pages for written response to: "Were you satisfied with the services you received?)

CHARACTERISTICS OF PEOPLE WHO COMPLETED THE SURVEY:

- Female: 65%
- African-American: 72%
- Under 15 yrs: 1%
- White/Caucasian: 23%
- 16 - 40 yrs: 57%
- Hispanic: 3%
- 41 - 65 yrs: 26%
- Other/Mixed Race: 2%
- Over 65 yrs: 13%

For further information contact: Social Ministry Committee, SS. Peter and Paul Church, 720 West Main Street, Rochester NY 14611.
SS. PETER AND PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY: 1990

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN RESPONSES FROM RESIDENTS

A. Those who agreed with the first survey question, were asked:
How does the drug traffic make living here harder for you?

In order of frequency, the following responses were given: 1) Fear (37): being afraid to leave your house because of break-ins; friends are afraid to come visit; afraid to walk in the neighborhood, especially at night; afraid for the children and their safety, etc.; 2) Violence (32): fights, shootings, killings, etc.; 3) Traffic (25): a lot of people in the area who don’t live here; people run through the yards and hang out and have hidden drugs there; 4) Noise (21): fighting, people hanging out on the streets at all hours of the day and night; 5) Drugs are sold openly (21): drug houses are in the area; kid’s are dealing in drugs and asked if they want to buy drugs. 6) Crime (10): stealing and break-ins, etc.; 7) Police problems (6): harassment, part of the problem; 8) Value of property has declined (5); 9) Gangs (5); 10) Children are on drugs and out of control (4); 11) Bottles and broken glass are all around (4); 12) It makes me want to move out of the area (3); 13) Burned out houses result (3).

Other items that were mentioned once or twice were: People beg for money; graffiti; empty lots are a problem; no safe place for kid’s to play; we need a neighborhood patrol; property tax assessment is too high for the area; bad language used; property damage; alcohol is a problem; business people are afraid to move into the area; we need to get rid of liquor stores; need to put up fences for safety; there are too many rental units and not enough homeowners; drugs waste your life.

B. Those who disagreed with the first survey question were asked:
What is the problem you are most concerned with in this neighborhood?

People gave the following responses, listed in order of frequency:
1) There are no problems (5); 2) Problems with youth or children running around, not having anything to do (3); 3) Family problems (2); 4) Trash and filth in the streets (2). Other responses given only once were: car was stolen; drugs were a problem last year; alcohol; speeding; police harassment; bad language used; people are not involved; noise and traffic; St. Peter’s Kitchen attracts people to the area and is the problem. At least five people had no response to this question.

C. People who had used the services of SSPP were asked whether they were satisfied with the services they had received: 31 respondents said they were satisfied with the services they have received from Ss. Peter and Paul’s outreach ministries. No person indicated they were dissatisfied. Various suggestions were made but no common concern was identified.
- 4 pm Mass people
- Other Contacts/People or Groups to Send/Show
- Draft Proposal

- Kitchen guests
- Kitchen Volunteers
- Kitchen Advisory Bd members (5 people)
- Day Care staff, Day Care Parents
- Day Care Advisory Bd
- Tenants in SSPP Mutual Housing
- Diocesan officials — Catholic Family Center
— Catholic Family Center
— Urban Services
— St. Francis
— Trinity UCC
— Neighborhood Churches (?)
— St. Mary’s
— Neighborhood Groups / Agencies
— SWAN
— Susan B. Anthony
— Charles House
— Northwest Comm. Services
— Neighborhood Services Planning Council
— Community Action Project / ABC - Maxine Hanks
— Mayor’s Heights NA
— MKK Center
— Police Dept.
— DePaul
— Southwest Coalition on Youth
— Milton Mass
— Greater Rochester Fight Back
— Government Officials
— Marilyn Smith
- City Council reps: County legislators
— Other Social Ministry Committees
— Dawn Notthiever
— Mary Aldridge (HARP/BRACE)
— Jane Zendarstlie
— Becky Stefford (California)
— Mary Malincheck (Kitchen)
— Jeanne Sweeney / Mary Malincheck (Kitchen)
Brown St

- 511 - mother & 1 teenage son
- 539 - Marge McIntyre & Oscar Davis
- 553 - "Mary"
- 585 - Apt 1 (downstairs) Doris Collins (may have moved)
- 739 - William Roman - member, Goodwill Baptist Church
- 530 - Manzie & Sylvester Carter
- 550 - "Maggie" - lived here @ 15 years
- 578 - William Lewis 436-1288 - interested in opening front of house as "drop-in" center
- 628 - mother w/ 6 children

SSPP Mutual Housing

- Apt 11 - Alicia Forbes
- Apt 12 - Julia Brady
- Apt 13 - Kwenslyn Brockington
- Apt 15 - Ezra Moody
- Apt 21 - "Pan"
- Apt 26 - Regina
- Apt 22 - Williamina (son taught at VBS/SWEM program)
  Also did apt 216 & 218 but got no names

Dengler St

- 57 - upper - Sylvia (worked in kitchen)
- 41 - would consider helping - he works nights
- 53 - would like drop-in center

Essex St

- 29 - Linda & Bill (have lived here 2 yrs)
- 30 - Lucy & Juan Padilla
- 33 - lives w/ aunt & uncle

Jefferson Ave

- 34 - Al Burkhouse (disabled / alcoholic)
- 95 - Mrs. Jeffie Learcy
Love St
12 - "Carmen" - goes to Mt. Carmel
20 - "Sheila"
36 - Tom Ciralico (son of Orlando, member of SSPP)
40 - "Garson"
43 - "Tom"
60 - "Kim"

Saxton St
25 - Kathy Davis

Silver St
174 - David Bonfond 436-5505 (Parishioner/some problems w/alcohol)
122 - Barbara Dixon
22 - Bob
127 - Robin Holly

Arklow St
18 - Bertha Green
14A - no name but may be good contact

Eddy St
63 (side door) - Charles Murray (he did MLK survey but was very articulate)
28 - Debra Smith (son on drugs)

Hertel St
18 - no name but was interested/had good ideas
30 - no name (5 generations living there)
33 - no name but was good contact
Kensington St

8 - L. Reynolds 328-1660 (wants to help)

New York St.

25 - (Children work at Kitchen) "Mary & Tyrone"

4 - Linda Phillips (she a "door", not into mtgs)

7 (downstairs) "Jim"

Taylor St.

21 - no name, but used to be involved in Neighborhood Watch

94 - Mrs. Hernandez (her 16 yr old son who has not received communion)

Jerry St.

6 - Nealia & Henry Davis

9 - husband is deacon at St. Francis of Assisi

Victoria St.

12 - "Kim"

16 - Rhonda Berg (2 children 4 & 11)

Wentworth St.

10 - Mattie Curry (never did survey, but interested)

14 - no name, (owns empty lot at 12, member of Church of God in Christ)

15 - Eric Carter

22 - daughter Emily rec'd communion at SSPP

York St.

68 - "Tony" new to area

132 - no name - "Aliinis" sister to move into SSPP Mutual Housing

180 - John Shepherd (son, lives w/his mother
SATURDAY - 10/20
8:30 - Giovanna Giralia - Giraleco Family & Alice Graney
4:00 - John Hoffman - Sophie Zeller
5:30 - Parish Community

SUNDAY - 10/21
10:00 - Parish Community

MONDAY - 10/22
8:30 - Anthony Marfala - The Siracusa Family

TUESDAY - 10/23

Everyone's invited to participate in our Seasons of Faith religious ed program - a way to pray and reflect and share faith. Interested adults, please contact Barbara to order a workbook (there is a $5 fee). Sessions begin 2nd Sunday in December and continue weekly except for first Sundays through Pentecost.

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with gratitude and deep appreciation for all your wishes and kindnesses on my birthday. Truly there is no place I would rather be than with you, my family and my friends at SS Peter and Pauls. -- Lucille Isaac --

FROM FR. DAVE'S DESK: The custom of praying for the dead is ancient, world-wide and is part of many many religions. Fr. Al often recalls the custom in Japan and how sacred are the places, the times and the rites for doing so. I recall my student days in Rome. When the cemeteries were visited on November 2 there were innumerable traffic jams. Who among us is not deeply moved by the sight of fresh flowers and rows of little flags on Memorial Day in our own country? In the closing month of the liturgical year, we think a lot about death, and to quote St. Paul, "our upward call in Christ." On November 2 at 7:00 PM we will celebrate Eucharist for all Souls Day. Some of our community members died during the year and many others related to community members died. We want to remember all in the celebration. Please come and share a reminiscence, a flower, a picture, or some silent but gentle momento and ask that our dead be remembered to God forever in Christ.

SATURDAY - 10/27
LECTOR: Jean DiGiovanni EM: Peter Guerrieri/Br. Bob DiManno

SUNDAY - 10/28
LECTOR: M. McWilliams/D. Classen EM: M. LoGerfo/D. Frederick

"There is a time for everything under the sun..."

There is a season for joy
There is a season for living
There is a season for sorrow
There is a season for dying"
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PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATIONS - ST. PETER'S KITCHEN

10/30/90 + 10/31/90 Meetings

- Important to interact/network with existing agencies: ABC, DSS, unemployment office - to get information to the people who need it.
- Advocate for tenants' rights.
- Location ideas: vacant houses on Brown Street, storefront near Freddy's Mini-Market
- We need to work with nature, not against nature.
- Take it slow with the spiritual part. Let the people decide when it is time.
- Up to the community to name the center.
- Helping people to get jobs.
- Helping people to help senior citizens and shut-ins - food, shelter, cleaning their yards
- Housing: referrals
- Finding volunteers to be with senior citizens to help to protect them, not to let people take advantage of them.
- Activities for children and youth - to give them things to do, especially in the summer is important - and in the winter time.
- Police protection (stations) on every street or block. Use abandoned housing to contain the stations.
- Job Training Programs
- Employment Opportunities
- Social worker on the premises.
- Victim's Assistance Program; referrals
- Show education films/videos
- Work to remove/do something about vacant and boarded up houses.

- A place where one can go for guidance - social security, housing, etc. People take advantage of senior citizens - especially older women.

- Merchants in the neighborhood need to be involved.

- Pre-natal and post-natal services and support groups: referrals (MLK Health Care Center and St. Mary's Hospital).

- We need a pharmacy - way for people to get reasonably priced materials - diapers etc.

- Referrals/services for battered women.

- Keep track of vacant properties.
SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

October 23, 1990 Meeting Minutes

Present: Mary Cartella, Barbara Classen, Joanne Corcimiglia, Dorothy Frederick, Mary Leahy-Dewitt, Melissa Marquez and Fr. David Reid

We began with prayer and reflection on the readings for October 28th, the date of the Parish Forum, lead by Joanne.

PARISH FORUM
Mary Cartella reviewed the various assignments for the liturgy and the Parish Forum. Dorothy and Mary L. presented the Prayers of the Faithful that they developed. Melissa reviewed the role of the committee members as facilitators and the format for the small group sharing. Melissa presented the small group discussion questions and everyone felt comfortable with them.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT
As the representative to the Parish Council, Melissa reported that the Social Ministry Committee draft proposal was presented by Joanne at the October Parish Council meeting and members were encouraged to attend the Parish Forum. Discussion on the final proposal will occur at the November meeting. The Finance Committee is preparing a Parish Annual Report and the work of all the committees and groups will be reported on. Minutes of all committee meetings should be posted in the Hospitality Room in case other parishioners want to know what’s going on.

BARBARA CLASSEN
Barbara shared plans for a Choral Concert on December 9 at 3:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church to benefit the SWEM Food Collection. Perhaps this is something we can promote. Also, Barbara was interested in Advent ideas that religious ed children and/or parish youth might be able to be involved with, like education about non-violent toys or some kind of service project. Social Ministry Committee members will attend the Religious Education group meeting on Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. to explore ideas further. Melissa noted that the Alternative Christmas Fair might be something to promote. It will be held on Saturday, December 1 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church on East Avenue.

1990 - 1991 AGENDA
Joanne lead us through a brainstorming and prioritizing session for planning activities for the remainder of the year. She will put together a list of our priorities as a separate handout.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 1990 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Regional Meeting will be Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Council.
10:00am. MASS

Procession: Katy Sino
We'll all be greeters

Entrance Hymn: Whatever You Do

Lector 1: Madeleine McWilliam
Lector 2: Melissa Marquese

Guest Homilist: [Shared Homily] — Fr. David

Prayers of Intercession: (4-5 brief prayers)
(Model of 2 people: Mary L + Dorothy)

Offerings hymn: [Instrumental]

Presenting of Gifts: 1) Lucille
2) Louise
3) Joan

Communion Hymn: Prayer of St. Francis

Eucharistic Minister 1: Dorothy Frederick
Eucharistic Minister 2: Marilyn Lorberfo

Thanking the individuals who helped with the survey. (Scroll with names listed)

Recessional hymn: They'll Know We Are Christians

Alter attendants: 1) ?
2) ?

Prayers: Shared reflection
PARISH FORUM

Place: St. Peter's Kitchen
Time: 11:15am. to 2:00pm.

11:00 to 11:15 Assemble in Kitchen
beverages available

11:15 to 11:30 Present the draft plan of action developed from '90 Neighborhood survey.

NOTE: Insert in 10/21/90's bulletin contains "raw" data & draft plan of action!

11:30 to noon Small group discussions:
5-6 groups, each with a facilitator & a recorder

"feeder" questions:
1) Questions: Clarify Information
2) Strengths: What they like
3) Concerns:

noon to 12:20 Summary of small group discussions by the recorder

12:20 to 2:00 Pot-Luck-Dinner

Follow-up: Present Plan of Action in November '90 bulletin

DAYCARE TO BE PROVIDED from 11:00 to 12:20 in SS. Peter & Paul Daycare Center!!!!
DAYCARE SERVICE during Parish Forum on 10/28/90

Volunteers: adult 1
adult 2
teen 1
teen 2

Supplies needed:
beverages
light snack
video(s)
games
books
drawing supplies

MASS

Scroll with names of survey volunteers

Parish Forum:

1.) set-up of hall
   a.) assembly area (beverage area)
   b.) 6 small group areas
       "newsprint" ea& easels
       black markers
   c.) Pot-luck Dinner:
       beverage area (same as assembly)
       food tables
       main dishes
       salads
       desserts

2.) Clean-up!!! volunteers

3.) supplies needed:
    hot/cold cups
    cocktail napkins
    coffee
    tea
    hot apple cider
    9" plates
    dinner napkins
    forks
    spoons
    knives
    sugar
    sweet-n-low
    milk
    "newsprint"
    easels
    markers
    masking tape
    microphone system
Bulletin Inserts:

1.) for 10/21/90's circulation:
   RE: survey's raw data & the draft Plan of Action

2.) for a November '90 circulation:
   RE: Plan of Action details
ORDINARY / CHRIST THE KING

OCTOBER 28
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Ex 22:20-26 (149)

Reader: A reading from the book of Exodus.

"YOU SHALL not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans. "If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:2-3.3-4.47.51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Cantor: I love you, Lord, my strength.

All: I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. R.

2. My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies. R.

3. The LORD live! And blessed be my Rock! Exalted be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Thes 1:5-10

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

YOU KNOW as well as we do what we proved to be like when, while still among you, we acted on your behalf. You, in turn, became imitators of us

and of the Lord, receiving the word despite great trials, with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. Thus you became a model for all the believers of Macedonia and Achaia. The word of the Lord has echoed forth from you resoundingly. This is true not only in Macedonia and Achaia; throughout every region your faith in God is celebrated, which makes it needless for us to say anything more. The people of those parts are reporting what kind of reception we had from you and how you turned to God from idols, to serve him who is the living and true God and to await from heaven the Son he raised from the dead — Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Mt 22:34-40

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon/Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

WHEN THE Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they assembled in a body; and one of them, a lawyer, in an attempt to trip him up, asked him, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him: "'You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well."

Deacon/Priest: This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
SMALL GROUP SHARING FROM SSPP PARISH FORUM

OCTOBER 28, 1990

Purple Group

1. Need for organization to bring residents together and create personal bonds within the neighborhood.
2. Desire for police foot patrols to reduce crime. In Toronto, with foot patrols, you can walk outdoors at 1am. General experience from conducting survey: fear due to being shut in by neighborhood conditions or else job duties keep residents out of neighborhood (and out of touch) except at night.
3. No duplication - use the facilities available; is Charles House going to expand?
4. OTE undesirable: example cited was Irondequoit, where public outcry stopped a proposed parlor.
5. Membership fee may be necessary to underwrite activities; could also increase sense of investment in the group.
6. Neighborhood stability needed (see #1 above and activity suggestions.)
7. Survey experience: many people said, "Let me be a part of this." Names were recorded and these people can be tapped for the core group.

Activities Proposed:

* Established residents might get together to welcome newcomers.
* Publicity re: today's meeting to let the neighborhood know the effort is starting. What existing communication vehicles do we have to let the community know what's been done?
* Seek government/city funds for activities and community center;
* Possible playgrounds for children (Contact the owner of Main Street McDonald's for input/donations.)

Yellow Group

1. Support of foot patrol by City Police in an attempt to make this a safer community.
2. Have people sign in while using the community center. Signature indicates compliance with values contract.
3. Serve as a referral service for such problems as drug abuse.
4. Development of residential group to assess neighborhood needs and create (develop) programs responding to these needs.
5. Develop volunteer advocates.
6. Develop Peer Group (Board) to enforce values contract.
7. Establish neighborhood watch.
Pink Group

1. Do not have a location?
2. People in neighborhood have expressed desire for center that would help them with their problems.
3. Center always operate with Christian values.
4. Important that they have a safe place to gather.
5. Hope that more people would join our parish.
6. Where would staff come from?
7. Meeting place for AA and Al-Anon.
8. Offer tutoring or (reading and writing).
10. Seek out volunteers’ legal advise (Thomas More Guild) for landlord or renting issues.

Red Group

1. Tenants education
2. Funding
3. Community Participation
4. Homeowners Policy
5. Check Attendance
6. Job Training (Self-esteem)
7. Continued Education
8. Spiritual Growth

Green Group

1. Favorable – all the answers are there (through objectives)
2. Concern – How is the connection made between the proposal and the "grant obtaining process"?
3. Where is the "manpower" coming from?
4. Is there a firm commitment from the community? (Not just another learning process.)
5. Looking for leadership.

Concerns

1. Funding
2. Public officials’ support (buy-in - ownership)
3. Security - "Peace of Mind"
4. Hassle-free support from the community.
5. SSPP provides buildings (need renovations?)
Blue Group

Model in another advocacy
Build a house
Two populations - property owners
Build the center by making it work - no walls
Facilities - Kitchen? Church?
Numbers a concern: don’t get locked into one figure
Take it as it comes
Get something working with all the parts, as early as possible
hand over the power
Our need to be educated in an intercultural atmosphere
Trips out of the neighborhood
Program for job planning
Drawing from the neighborhood
Building the center and membership
TO: SSPP Parish Council Members

FROM: Melissa Marquez

DATE: November 6, 1990

Enclosed is a copy of the Final Proposal of the Social Ministry Committee for your review. The only changes are on page 3 under the section "Additional Information".

Please read the proposal ahead of our November 13th meeting. We will discuss the proposal and try to reach a decision on it. Joanne Corcimiglia, Chairperson of the Social Ministry Committee, will be present to answer any questions we might have.

I have also enclosed the minutes from our October meeting and ask that you review them ahead of time to save us a little time. My hope is that we will finish our meeting by 9:00 p.m.

The proposed agenda is below. Please let me know if there is anything else that we need to put on the agenda.

AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 13, 1990 MEETING

* Opening Prayer

* Approval of Agenda and Minutes

* Discussion and Decision on Social Ministry Committee Proposal

* Finance Report

* Parish Council Meetings - Starting Time and Prayer

* Announcements

* Closing Prayer
PROPOSAL TO THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH

FROM THE SSPP SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

THREE YEAR PLAN FOR STRENGTHENING OUR OUTREACH
IN THE SSPP NEIGHBORHOOD

"Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" Jesus said, "'You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well."

Matthew 22:36-40

- FINAL -

NOVEMBER 6, 1990

* = changes from draft
Background and Context

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish has been actively engaged in outreach ministry to the neighborhood for many years. St. Peter's Kitchen, the Clothing Center, the Day Care Center, the Mutual Housing Project and our participation in the SWEM Emergency Food Program are all examples of our active social ministry. The role of the Social Ministry Committee of the SSPP Parish Council is to integrate our outreach efforts and provide direction for future parish initiatives.

In July 1989, the Social Ministry Committee of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish sponsored a neighborhood picnic and anti-drug march. It was a memorable day and we agreed to keep up our efforts in reaching out to the neighborhood residents. By February 1990, we had developed a work plan to help us gather information in order to decide what our next steps would be. From March until September we implemented our work plan. A neighborhood survey became the major focus of our work.

Throughout the summer of 1990 we talked with 187 neighborhood residents. Increasingly, we became more excited and hope-filled as we were warmly welcomed by so many people. We took the results of the survey and developed a working draft. We held a Parish Forum on October 28th and also met with St. Peter's Kitchen guests. Overall, the response has been very positive, with lots of ideas being suggested. This final proposal reflects some minor additions.

Guiding Assumptions

1. The mission of Saints Peter and Paul Parish is to be a committed, caring community of believers in Jesus the Savior and Lord, united in the Spirit and called to worship God, to love and serve one another and to proclaim in word, deed, and attitude the Good News of the Kingdom of God. We strive to do this by sharing our gifts in the portion of the Vineyard where we have been planted – serving and welcoming all, as Jesus did, and by responding in faith to local, national and global issues of justice and peace. (Parish Vision Statement in the Parish Council Constitution)

2. Social ministry is the studied, prayerful interaction of the People of God with various facets of society, for the common good and the salvation of the world. Social ministry takes place when the values, vision and teachings of Jesus are brought to bear on social conditions.

3. The work of the Social Ministry Committee involves both direct acts of charity and actions to establish justice in our neighborhood, our nation and in the world.

4. Working with the residents of the neighborhood, not just for the residents is essential. We want to be partners in creating a non-violent, supportive environment for individuals, families and children to live and grow.

5. We want to effectively act to improve the neighborhood while consciously ensuring that residents will not be displaced and that our efforts do not duplicate existing services or activities.
PROPOSED THREE YEAR PLAN OF ACTION

Goal
In three years we will have established a membership-based community center which enables the residents of the neighborhood of Ss. Peter and Paul to address their social, cultural, economic and spiritual well-being.

First Year Objectives (July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991)
* Recruit and provide leadership development to core planning group which will meet regularly to implement this plan of action. Members will come from interested residents identified through the surveying as well as from our parish community.
* Plan and promote participation in summer-long activities for adults and children which will introduce and involve more residents in our plans for a community center.
* Explore our financial needs and potential sources; work to secure financial commitments to support our efforts.
* Develop a personnel plan for the staffing of the project in its second and third years.

Second Year Objectives (July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992)
* Expand the membership-base of the community center to at least 100 participants through a membership campaign.
* Implementation of planned summer-long activities involving at least 50 people.
* Develop the plan for establishing the physical location of the community center.
* Plan year-long social, cultural, economic and spiritual activities for the third year. If possible, conduct at least one such activity in the Spring of the second year.
* Necessary staff in place to accomplish second year objectives.

Third Year Objectives (July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1993)
* Implementation of planned year-long activities.
* Staffing in place for implementation of third year objectives.
* Membership-base expanded to at least 200 members.
* Conduct 1st annual meeting of the entire membership to elect community center leadership and celebrate our neighborhood's richness.
Rationale

We used the Neighborhood Survey Results and our experience of surveying as the basis for developing this proposal. Two major thrusts came out of our discussions in our group planning process: 1) the need for the neighborhood community to be organized and working together; and 2) the needs of children and youth to have positive options and activities. Out of this evolved our goal for a membership-based community center.

We believe that a community center is a means to an end result. That end result is: to enable the residents of the neighborhood to address their social, cultural, economic and spiritual well-being. We see this as a wholistic approach which invites individuals to solve their own problems and participate in solving the problems of the community together.

As a membership-based community center, residents will be able to participate in the overall direction and activities of the center. We believe this is the most authentic way of creating participation and building a strong sense of community-ownership. We believe that as members of the community center, the residents of the neighborhood will be able to take their visions for the neighborhood and work together to make them a reality. Finally, residents who become members will be asked to make a commitment to a written set of values upon which the community center will operate. We believe this is the key to ensuring that the community center will be a safe and supportive environment.

Additional Information

* Until paid staff are in place, the proposed work will be coordinated by volunteers. The core planning group will initially be a subcommittee of the SSPP Social Ministry Committee.
* We will not be asking Ss. Peter and Paul's Parish to contribute any money from our operating budget. We will seek funding from grants. *
* In all three years, we will thoughtfully evaluate our work to ensure its effectiveness and incorporate any changes that are deemed necessary.
* The following two pages are summaries of our data and information gathered from the neighborhood survey. Within the area surveyed, we interviewed 50% of the total housing units which were not vacant or boarded up.
* The Social Ministry Committee will form a subcommittee which will meet separately from our regular monthly meetings. This subcommittee will serve as the planning group. Residents from the neighborhood will make up 50% of the membership on the subcommittee.
* All the work compiled in this proposal could not have been done without the support and efforts of many other people besides the committee members. We are deeply grateful for the generous contributions of everyone.
SS. PETER AND PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY: 1990

RESULTS FROM 187 RESIDENTS

PART I

People have told us that the drug traffic in this neighborhood makes it harder to live here. Do you agree?

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Have you or your family used the services of:

DePaul Mental Health Service         | 25% | 48% | 2%  | 26% |
Charles House                        | 41% | 37% | 3%  | 19% |
B&G Club/Campbell St Rec/CYO         | 33% | 40% | 3%  | 24% |
Center for Youth Services            | 26% | 36% | 10% | 28% |
Community Action Project/ABC         | 35% | 40% | 11% | 14% |

Would you like to see Police Patrols on foot in this neighborhood?

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SS. PETER AND PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY: 1990
RESULTS (Continued)

PART II

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(Please see the attached pages for written response to: "Were you satisfied with the services you received?")

CHARACTERISTICS OF PEOPLE WHO COMPLETED THE SURVEY:

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For further information contact: Social Ministry Committee, SS. Peter and Paul Church, 720 West Main Street, Rochester NY 14611.
SS. PETER AND PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY: 1990

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN RESPONSES FROM RESIDENTS

A. Those who agreed with the first survey question, were asked:
How does the drug traffic make living here harder for you?

In order of frequency, the following responses were given: 1) Fear (37): being afraid to leave your house because of break-ins; friends are afraid to come visit; afraid to walk in the neighborhood, especially at night; afraid for the children and their safety, etc.; 2) Violence (32): fights, shootings, killings, etc.; 3) Traffic (25): a lot of people in the area who don’t live here; people run through the yards and hang out and have hidden drugs there; 4) Noise (21): fighting, people hanging out on the streets at all hours of the day and night; 5) Drugs are sold openly (21): drug houses are in the area; kid’s are dealing in drugs and asked if they want to buy drugs. 6) Crime (10): stealing and break-ins, etc.; 7) Police problems (6): harassment, part of the problem; 8) Value of property has declined (5); 9) Gangs (5); 10) Children are on drugs and out of control (4); 11) Bottles and broken glass are all around (4); 12) It makes me want to move out of the area (3); 13) Burned out houses result (3).

Other items that were mentioned once or twice were: People beg for money; graffiti; empty lots are a problem; no safe place for kid’s to play; we need a neighborhood patrol; property tax assessment is too high for the area; bad language used; property damage; alcohol is a problem; business people are afraid to move into the area; we need to get rid of liquor stores; need to put up fences for safety; there are too many rental units and not enough homeowners; drugs waste your life.

B. Those who disagreed with the first survey question were asked:
What is the problem you are most concerned with in this neighborhood?

People gave the following responses, listed in order of frequency:
1) There are no problems (5); 2) Problems with youth or children running around, not having anything to do (3); 3) Family problems (2); 4) Trash and filth in the streets (2). Other responses given only once were: car was stolen; drugs were a problem last year; alcohol; speeding; police harassment; bad language used; people are not involved; noise and traffic; St. Peter’s Kitchen attracts people to the area and is the problem. At least five people had no response to this question.

C. People who had used the services of SSPP were asked whether they were satisfied with the services they had received: 31 respondents said they were satisfied with the services they have received from Ss. Peter and Paul’s outreach ministries. No person indicated they were dissatisfied. Various suggestions were made but no common concern was identified.
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

RECOMMENDATIONS, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS FROM THE PARISH FORUM AND FROM THE GUESTS OF ST. PETER'S KITCHEN.

1. Location
   - SSPP buildings (kitchen, church)?
   - Storefronts, vacant buildings

2. Funding
   - Seek government funds or city funds for the center
   - How will this be funded?

3. Staffing
   - Leadership?
   - Volunteer advocates
   - Social worker
   - Where would the staff come from?

4. Membership
   - Values: Christian
     Establish a peer group board to enforce the contract
     Dues - invested rights, may be needed for activities
     Signing in - compliance with our values
     Security - rules and regulations
     Up to the community to name the center.

5. Referrals
   - Do not duplicate services
   - Interact with existing agencies
   - Legal services
   - Drug abuse
   - Battered women
   - Pre-natal and post-natal care
   - Tenants' rights
   - Home improvement classes - maintenance classes
   - Information on funding for purchasing homes and for funding improvements
   - Job opportunities
   - Victim assistance
   - Senior citizens
   - Social security
6. Education
   - job training
   - tutoring program for reading and writing skills
   - AA and Alenon meetings
   - tenants' rights
   - home ownership, maintenance and improvement
   - intercultural
   - show educational films and videos
   - social security

7. Police Protection
   - foot patrols
   - police stations on every block or street

8. Neighborhood - Community
   - bonding
   - stability
   - place to come for help with problems
   - safe place to gather
   - residential group to assess needs and create programs
   - neighborhood watch

9. Properties
   - boarded up and abandoned - keep track of them

10. Senior Citizens
    - referrals
    - help: food, shelter, cleaning yards
    - shut-ins
    - volunteer to be with them, protect them, not to let others take advantage of them

11. Youth
    - activities - summer and winter
    - playground
    - education
    - homework assistance
    - job training

12. Other Suggestions
    - Publicity to the neighborhood and to the community
    - Government officials and merchants need to be involved
    - Get moving as soon as possible - hand over power
    - Need for a pharmacy which is reasonably priced
    - Relationship with Charles House
VACANT BUILDINGS IN THE SS. PETER AND PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD

505 Brown St.
- 519 Brown St.
591 Brown St. (3 units)
5 - 714 Brown St.
738 Brown St.
796 Brown St. (8 units)
16 Child St. — occupied—all fixed up
94 Clifton St. — owner renovating
5 - 114 Clifton St.
11 Essex St.
22 Essex St.
16 Henion St. (18 units)
60 Jefferson Ave.
241 Jefferson Ave.
5 Kensington St. — occupied—garage owned by neighbor next door
12 Lamberton Park
626 W. Main St.
707 W. Main St.
764-766 W. Main St.
842 W. Main St.
890 W. Main St.
228 Maple St.
483 Maple St.
5 1 Renfrew Place — city of Rochester
109 Silver St.
5 112 Silver St.
5 140 Silver St.
5 149 Silver St.
220 Silver St. 10/25/90 R/S
5 344 Troup St.
367 Troup St.
11 Wentworth St.
5 1 Willowbank Place 11/04/90 R/D
2 Willowbank Place 11/04/90 R/M
64 York St.
86-88 York St. 10/25/90 R/M-3
5 144 York St.
Appendix AX

519
Brown
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714
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144
York St.

(All single-family)
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<td>good fair poor deteriorated need caulking need replacement</td>
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<td>good fair poor broken glass missing glass boarded broken frame no frame broken sashes no sashes needs glazing</td>
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Additional comments
December 2, 1990

Melissa Marquez
SS Peter and Paul Social Ministry Committee
720 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14611

Dear Melissa:

This letter is a revised memo of agreement for the Housing Initiatives program sponsored by NEBCA in conjunction with the United Way of Greater Rochester. Since we have been working together since October of 1990, this will help assess our current status. In order to completely understand where we are in the development process, I have compiled a list of tasks that were already performed, and their status. In addition, I have compiled a brief list of action steps that are our next logical progression.

COMPLETED TASKS:
1. The Developer/Trainer trained you as a Social Ministry Committee (SMC) member on exterior inspections, photographing, and measuring of vacant properties.

2. You trained two other neighborhood residents to assist with the vacant survey. As a result of this training, exterior inspections for almost all of the 40 vacant properties in the Peter's and Paul's neighborhood have been completed.

3. The Developer/Trainer provided you with property summaries for all the vacant properties.

4. The Developer/Trainer arranged for a meeting of representatives of the SMC, the Mayor's Heights Neighborhood Association, and the Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Association to discuss development in the Bronson/Wilder area.

4. Through ongoing discussions, it was determined that the parish is interested in home ownership opportunities for neighborhood residents, and that the SMC wanted to maintain at least a supportive role in the development process, and perhaps a sponsor role.

4. The following action steps have been identified and are listed below.
   a) You and residents will complete the vacant survey utilizing method already established, and will identify phone numbers of the owners of the single family properties.
SS Peter and Paul's TA agreement con't.

b) I will provide you with a sample letter to owners and you will mail letters to the owners of single family properties inquiring about their plans for the property.

c) I will contact the City of Rochester on their plans for 1 Renfrew Place and the County of Monroe on their plans for 714 Brown Street.

d) You will arrange for me to meet with the Social Ministry Committee during January to discuss the rehab and resale of 5 single family units, their role in the project, and the establishment of a CDC in the area.

If you are in agreement with the above, please sign and date below and get a copy back to me as soon as possible. This is necessary to pinpoint goals and objectives, and define agreed upon action steps to ensure housing development.

Sincerely,

Mona Jimenez
Developer/Trainer

Melissa Marquez 12-5-90
Date
December 27, 1990

Dear Resident:

The City of Rochester's Department of Community Development's Bureau of Neighborhood Development will hold a planning meeting for the residents of the Bronson-Wilder Conservation Area. The Conservation Area consists of the Southern Dutchtown, Mayors' Heights and Susan B. Anthony neighborhoods. The meeting will be held on January 3, 1991, at St. Peter's Kitchen, 681 Brown Street, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to help define the neighborhoods issues and make program recommendations to address the concerns utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds.

Please come out and help us plan for the benefit of your neighborhood.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Dwight Hubbard
Director

DH/nls

xc: Jeffrey Swain, Commissioner, Community Development
    John Accorso, Deputy Commissioner, Community Development
    Carolyn Argust, Assistant Director, Neighborhood Development
    Carol Arterberry, Neighborhood Coordinator
Appendix BB

BRONSON-WILDER CONSERVATION AREA MEETING
January 3, 1991 - 7 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Overview - Community Development Block Grant
2. Neighborhood Development Process
3. Current Programs Available/Status
4. Define Issues/Concerns

TONIGHT

7:00 p.m.

Come to St. Peter's Kitchen (691 Brown) to talk to City Officials about how to spend money to improve our neighborhood!

JAN. 3, 1991
FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides an annual grant on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons.

NATURE OF PROGRAM

Grants are awarded to communities to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and the provision of improved community facilities and services.

Communities develop their own programs and funding priorities to either benefit low and moderate income persons, aid in the elimination of slums and blight or to correct urgent needs posing a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. Urgent needs include major catastrophes or emergencies such as floods or earthquakes. Activities which do not meet one of the these three broad national objectives may not be undertaken with CDBG funds.

Activities that can be carried out with block grant funds include, but are not limited to: acquisition of real property, relocation and demolition, rehabilitation of residential and nonresidential structures, construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets and neighborhood centers and the conversion of schools for eligible purposes. In addition, block grant funds may be used to pay for public services within certain limits and for activities relating to energy conservation and renewable resources. Communities may also provide assistance to businesses to carry out economic development activities.

The types of activities that are generally considered ineligible include: the construction or rehabilitation of buildings for the general conduct of government, political activities and income payments.

ELIGIBILITY

Central cities of metropolitan statistical areas, other metropolitan cities with a population of at least 50,000, and qualified urban counties with populations of at least 200,000 are entitled to receive annual grants. The amount of each grant is determined by a statutory formula which uses several objective measures of community need, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing and growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.
REQUIREMENTS

In order to receive its annual grant, a community must submit a copy of its final statement of community development objectives and projected use of funds to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and required certifications, including an assurance that it is following a Housing Assistance Plan (HAP). In addition, 60% of the CDBG funds received over a one, two, or three year period must be used for activities that benefit low and moderate income persons.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A community is required to develop and follow a detailed citizen participation plan which provides for and encourages citizen participation, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income. The plan must provide:

1. Citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to the grantee's proposed and actual use of funds;

2. Technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request assistance in developing proposals;

3. Public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, including at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities and the review of program performance;

4. Timely written answers to written complaints and grievances; and,

5. Services to non-English speaking residents at public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

John Accorso, Deputy Commissioner of Community Development
Department of Community Development, Room #125-B
City Hall
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614
428-6551
1. Acquisition of Real Property
2. Disposition
3. Public Facilities and Improvements
4. Privately-Owned Utilities
5. Demolition
6. Public Services
7. Interim Assistance
8. Relocation
9. Loss of Rental Income
10. Removal of Architectural Barriers
11. Housing Rehabilitation
12. New Housing Construction
14. Code Enforcement
15. Historic Preservation
16. Commercial or Industrial Rehabilitation
17. Special Economic Development
18. Special Activities by Subrecipients
19. Planning and Capacity Building
20. Program Administration Costs
## Bronson-Wilder Conservation Area

Status 16th Year (1990-91) Spending Plan

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<td>Contract Underway.</td>
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<td>10,000</td>
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<td>Program is underway and ongoing.</td>
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<td>Special Materials Grant</td>
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<td>Home Showcase (Waverly)</td>
<td>30,000*</td>
<td>55,000</td>
<td>Outreach for this two-year program was initiated in July. Program sign up and eligibility procedures are underway.</td>
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<td>Preservation Assistance Grant</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>Program has been slow moving - If available funds remain unexpended by June, 1991, funds will be recommended for reprogramming.</td>
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<td>Emergency Grant</td>
<td>4,000</td>
<td>4,000</td>
<td>Program implementation date - 11/1/90.</td>
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<td>Rehab Mortgage</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<td>Due to the City's participation in the 203(k) program, these funds may be reprogrammed.</td>
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<td>RASP</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<td>Program underway. Funds will provide services to 33 residents.</td>
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*The amount expected to be expended for this program in FY 1990-91. If needed, the remainder of the appropriation will be used.*
## Bronson-Wilder Conservation Area Status 16th Year (1990-91) Spending Plan

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<td>$17,500</td>
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<td>Program will be administered by the Housing Council. There are five participating lenders.</td>
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<td>Physical Improvements (Fence to West Main Street)</td>
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<td>One of two requested fence openings has been installed in front of West Square Manor.</td>
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<td>Troup Street Playground</td>
<td>5,800</td>
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<td>Replacement of play equipment and resurfacing improvements scheduled for Spring, 1991.</td>
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<td>Clifton Street Design</td>
<td>92,200</td>
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<td>The design of Clifton Street from Genesee to Prospect is underway. Construction is planned for the 1991 season.</td>
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January 7, 1990

Dear Participant:

Thank you for your participation at the Bronson-Wilder Conservation Area's planning meeting on January 3, 1991.

The resulting list of issues and concerns identified by you and the other participants are attached. Please review the list and rank each item in order of their importance to you and bring it with you to the follow-up meeting.

In accordance with the group's consensus, the date for a follow-up meeting was scheduled to prioritize issues and to develop program recommendations. This meeting will also be held at St. Peter's Kitchen, 681 Brown Street, on January 14, 1991, at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your participation. I look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Smith
Community Program Planner

MS/nls

Attachment

xc: Dwight Hubbard, Director, Neighborhood Development
Carol Arterberry, Neighborhood Coordinator

CDBG Can not be used for organizing - U.W.
The city can help put this together
Fighting
BRONSON-WILDER CONSERVATION AREA

Summary of Issues/Concerns

Rank in order of priority (1 most important - 9 least important).

1. Income guidelines too low.
2. Need for better promotion of programs.
3. Need more programs to assist landlords.
4. Landlords should be given no more than 6 months to begin to repair burned out properties.
5. Vacant houses in area (Homesteading Program).
6. Link rehab program with job development (create pool of skilled laborers).
7. Beautification Project.
8. Neighborhood group needs to meet on regular basis.
9. Length of time City takes to process grants and loans. Too long.
Dwight Hubbard, Director
Bureau of Neighborhood Development
City Hall
30 Church Street
Rochester, NY 14614

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

On behalf of various residents within the Bronson-Wilder Conservation Area, I am submitting the priorities which we would like to have the Bureau of Neighborhood Development help us address. Two meetings were held this month with Marilyn Smith and Carol Arterberry. They helped us to formulate the following ranked priorities:

1. Neighborhood group needs to meet on a regular basis.
2. There is a need for better communication around programs.
3. We want to deal with vacant houses in the area, using the model of Group 14621’s Homesteading Program and we would like to link this with job development (creating a pool of skilled laborers.)
4. The income guidelines are too low for existing programs.
5. The length of time the City takes to process grants and loans is too long.
6. Landlords should be given no more than six months to begin to repair burned out properties.
7. We need more programs to assist landlords.
8. Beautification Project.

We hope that these priorities will be reflected in the 17th Year Allocation of Community Development Block Grant monies for the Bronson-Wilder Conservation Area. We look forward to receiving your response. Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday, February 5, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter’s Kitchen, 681 Brown Street.

Sincerely,

Melissa Marquez

xc: Residents from Meeting
Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Assn.
Mayor’s Heights Neighborhood Assn.
SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 16, 1991
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer

2. Housing Initiatives Program
   Guest: Mona Jimenez

3. Community Development Block Grant Allocation
   for Bronson-Wilder Conservation Area

4. SS. Peter and Paul Mutual Housing: Update

5. Planning Our Next Steps: Core Planning Group
   Parish Council

6. Next Meeting Date & Closing Prayer