In a parish prayer of St. Theresa’s Church in Federal Way, the words read in part:
Dear Lord ... Remind me that my world, my parish, needs Good Samaritans to heal the wounds of our times ... Show me the joys of generosity; make me a gift to others in your name.

And in the parish annual report (fiscal year ending June 30, 2005), the pastor, Father Kevin Moran, noted the importance of looking to live the life of Christ, being ready to forgive and seek forgiveness, “that the way of Jesus Christ increasingly becomes our philosophy of life.”

The Pastoral Council of ‘04-’05 has provided the parish with clear directions for the future, Father Moran noted in the report. “Two areas stand out: one, the Mass in Spanish (established this past November), the other, as regards our buildings and grounds.”

The pastor wrote that an exploratory committee was formed to gather information and make recommendations to the pastoral council in order to develop a campus/comprehensive master plan for program and facility needs, “based on our mission as a Catholic parish.”

“One of the highlights last year was the refurbishing of the kitchen and the increased number of socials that have been hosted by different groups in the parish,” Father Moran pointed out in the report.

The parish’s Knights of Columbus led the fundraising efforts for the kitchen project, the pastor noted. “A personal highlight for me has been the freeing up of my administrative tasks with the result that I am more able to provide opportunities in adult formation. Over the summer, there were eight sessions on ‘The Great Themes of Scripture.’ In the coming year, I look forward to (more ministering) in this area.”

Bill Stearns is a leading member of the parish’s Knights of Columbus. In an interview last week, Stearns said that for him and his family the parish community “has been a great tool in exercising our faith and living our faith.”

The father of seven said that he and his wife, Teresa, are longtime parishioners. He’s on the Pastoral Council and she’s a past council member still active in other parish efforts.

The annual report noted the June 2005 death of Deacon Charles “Chuck” Crandall, 77, and that the parish “said good-bye to our loving Deacon Chuck” after his three-year battle with cancer.

Last May, the first annual Parishioner of the Year Award was presented to Bob Dahl. Parish staffers said that Dahl has been one of the truly dedicated parishioners at St. Theresa’s — having served with the Knights of Columbus, the Pastoral Council, and the Facilities Committee.

Last June, the parish celebrated Father Moran’s 40th year of ordination. Staffers said the pastor was speechless by the outpouring of kindness and affection.

St. Theresa Parish: ‘a great tool in exercising and living our faith’

**St. Theresa’s Parish**

**Founded:** as a mission church in 1924; became a parish in 1968

**Registered households:** 1,039

**Ministries include:** the REX Program, for people with mental or physical disabilities; Care for the Homeless, which features the Sandwich Program; Life Teen for high school age students; the Crowd Program for students in grades 6 to 8; the Prison Ministry; the Women’s fellowship; and the Seniors Group

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