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**DIOCESAN NFP PROGRAMS  
ANNUAL NATIONAL PROFILE**

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR  
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING  
(A Program of the NCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities)

DIOCESAN NFP PROGRAM--PROFILE SHEET

In the Fall of 1990, the Diocesan Development Program (DDP) asked diocesan NFP coordinators or contact persons to complete a "Profile Sheet" that would

- 1) provide the DDP with a clearer understanding of diocesan NFP efforts, by focusing on the unique needs of individual dioceses, and
- 2) to enable the DDP to provide the diocesan bishops and NFP coordinators with a national "picture" of diocesan NFP programs.

This "Profile Sheet" will be utilized Annually to update information, which in turn, will enable the DDP to better serve the dioceses.

The Profile Sheet is divided into four areas of program concern: 1) Management (how the program is structurally organized); 2) Budget (how the program is funded); 3) Service (what the program offers); and 4) Outreach (how the program extends its services within the diocese and to the wider community). Comments or additional information not covered by the information items can be recorded at the end of the form.

On November 2, 1990 **187** Profile Sheets were mailed to diocesan NFP coordinators or contact persons, **94** (50%) responded.

In tabulating the responses several problems inherent in the Profile Sheet became apparent: ambiguities in certain questions; misplacement of questions within a section; and the type of information sought by the mixture of questions. (Questions which presented problems for the respondents will be noted as they arise.) In addition, because of the unique history of NFP services in each diocese, there were varying definitions of terms (e.g., diocesan coordinator, diocesan program, and NFP method), as well as varying diocesan structures which caused some coordinators to leave questions unanswered (this last point accounts for an imbalance in totals of responses per item).

Despite these problems the Profile Sheet serves its purpose well: i.e., it enables the DDP to view the individual diocesan program and assess its unique needs. The Profile Sheet also has the potential to encourage substantive dialogue, and assist the process for planning strategies to strengthen diocesan efforts.

Since the presentation of this report at the Fifth Biennial Conference of Diocesan NFP Coordinators, Catholic University of America, June 26-29, 1991, modifications have been made to improve the design of the Profile Sheet for 1991.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### **I. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT**

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1) Do you have an appointed diocesan NFP Coordinator (designated by the bishop)?

a) 83% (78) YES

17% (16) NO

Comment:

It is important to note that "NO" did not necessarily mean the diocese had no NFP services (see 1C below).

b) If "Yes", our NFP Coordinator is (check all that apply):

46 dioceses have one person in the office

11 dioceses have teams of people (this includes couples who direct offices)

57 are married

5 are single

21 are Full-time, paid

26 are Part-time, paid

5 are Full-time, volunteers

15 are Part-time, volunteers

c) 16 respondents who answered "NO" indicated that NFP services were provided by the Family Life Director/Office, Marriage Prep. specialist, or during weekends for the engaged.

Comment:

Some respondents had difficulty answering this question because although the diocese uses their services, they often were not "officially" appointed. To complicate matters, some were primarily responsible for other areas in a diocesan office and only attended to NFP as a secondary duty. Finally, dioceses which made exclusive use of an NFP provider, often named that organization as the "diocesan program."

2) Number of office staff:

a)Please list the titles of staff positions:

Title varied greatly--"NFP Coordinator", "Consultant", "NFP teacher", office secretary, etc.

b)Number of salaried staff:

64% (60) of respondents said they or their staff received some type of remuneration (this is office staff only, it does not include NFP teachers).

c)Number of volunteer staff:

36% (36) of respondents reported that their staff was mostly volunteer.

3)How many NFP teachers are coordinated through your office?

596 NFP teachers are coordinated through the programs which responded:

a)363 couple teams

b)233 individual teachers

c)93 receive a salary or stipend

d)503 are volunteer teachers

Comment:

With regard to each total figure, it should be noted that many respondents counted a couple team as "one" person.

4) Does your diocese have an active NFP Advisory Committee?

29% (23) responded "YES" and 68% (53) responded "NO".

## **II. PROGRAM BUDGET**

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6a)Please state your current budget:

Budget in the Thousands of Dollars

0 - 9 43

10 - 2911

30 - 4910

50 - 69 1

70 - 89 0

> 90 2

Comment:

11 did not list themselves as diocesan NFP programs, and 16 did not respond to this question.

6b) Of your entire budget, what amount came from diocesan funds?:

(Overall average amounts)

20 100%

19 More than 50%

39 Less than 50%

Comment:

16 did not respond to this question.

6c) Additional sources of funding:

(Item frequency)

|    |                                             |
|----|---------------------------------------------|
| 15 | Private donations                           |
| 14 | Clients fees                                |
| 13 | Government agencies                         |
| 7  | Catholic organizations (e.g., K of C, etc.) |
| 5  | Grants                                      |
| 3  | NFP program fund-raising activities         |
| 2  | Parishes                                    |

Other: Sales of materials, annual pro-life collections; misc. organizations.

7) If you don't have a budget, how is the NFP program sustained in your diocese?

(Item frequency)

|    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 11 | Family Life office                 |
| 4  | Independent providers              |
| 4  | Catholic hospitals                 |
| 3  | As part of other diocesan programs |
| 3  | Grants, sales, donations           |

### III. PROGRAM SERVICE

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8)NFP services in your diocese are delivered by:

a) (Item frequency)

|        |                                        |
|--------|----------------------------------------|
| 49     | Diocesan NFP Program                   |
| 46     | Independent NFP Teachers               |
| 26     | Diocesan Hospital                      |
| 4      | Secular Hospital                       |
| 0      | Clinic                                 |
| Other: | 5 Parish Programs; 5 CCL; 1 Creighton. |

Comment:

It appears from the responses to this question that many dioceses do not have a single NFP diocesan site.

b)If delivered by the diocese, is your program part of:

(Frequency)

|        |                                                                                         |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 46     | Marriage and Family Life office                                                         |
| 9      | Catholic hospital                                                                       |
| 8      | Its own department                                                                      |
| 6      | Catholic Charities                                                                      |
| 4      | Pro-Life                                                                                |
| Other: | (1) Catholic Social Services; (1) Premarriage Weekend; (1) St. Vincent de Paul Society. |

10a)Does your diocese have its own NFP teacher training program?

27% (25) responded "Yes."

56% (53) responded "No."

17% (16) no response

10b)If "No", who trains your teachers?

(Frequency)

|    |                                      |
|----|--------------------------------------|
| 45 | CCL                                  |
| 31 | Creighton                            |
| 13 | Family of the Americas               |
| 9  | Northwest NFP Services               |
| 1  | NFP Center of Washington, D.C., Inc. |
| 1  | Twin Cities NFP Center               |
| 0  | Other                                |

Comment:

Some dioceses reported using more than one provider to train teachers.

11)Within the last 12 months diocesan programs serviced:

20,432 clients

Comment:

This is an estimated number. We are not certain if the respondents counted a couple as "one" or "two" clients.

#### **IV. PROGRAM OUTREACH**

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12)Is there a diocesan policy which requires an engaged couple to attend an entire NFP instruction program?

92.5% (87) responded "No."

13)Is there a diocesan policy which **strongly encourages** participation in an entire NFP instruction program.

38% (36) responded "Yes."

50% (46) responded "No."

12% (12) did not respond to this question

14)Is NFP included in your diocesan marriage preparation programs?

83% (78) responded "Yes."

17% (16) did not respond to this question

How much time is given to it?:

7 . . . 2 hr.

15 . . . 1 hr.

7 . . . 45 min.

11 . . . 30 min.

8 . . . 15-20 min.

Other: 8 . . . 10-60 min.

5 . . . "Varies"

1 . . . "One Session"

8 . . . "Not Specified"

7 . . . "Minimal"

15) Did your diocese provide any continuing education in NFP during the last 12 months?

(Frequency)

50 Teachers

26 Clients

23 Clergy

Comment:

Some dioceses reported no continuing education; others checked each category.

16) Do you have a newsletter?

24% (23) responded "Yes."

66% (62) responded "No."

10% (9) did not respond to this question

17) During the past year, respondents said that they publicized NFP through:

(Frequency)

77 Pre Cana

77 Bulletins

67 Diocesan Paper

60 Parish Marriage Preparation

39 Public Talks

34 Secular Paper

16 TV/Radio