



ELEPHANTS IN THE LIVING ROOM

DISCUSSING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Body of Christ:

Emerging issues confront us in the Church of Detroit, such as the 5 Year Pastoral Plan and the declining number of priests, challenging our baptismal responsibilities to form a new vision by developing new strategies and structures.

The Elephants in the Living Room is an organization of priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit, strongly supported by participating laity, who seek renewal of the Church of Detroit. We do this by offering opportunities for education and creating an open forum for discussion and dialog that will lead to developing and advocating more collegial solutions to the problems we face. We firmly believe these efforts will contribute to a greater solidarity among priests and a renewed Church in Detroit.

Your membership dues and your active participation will enable us to continue these educational opportunities. Renowned speakers such as Fr. Richard McBrien, Tom Fox, Sr. Joan Chittister, Fr. Donald Cozzens and Robert Blair Kaiser help us to carry out this mission.

Committees carry on the work of the organization, e.g.:

- Urban Agenda Coalition - preservation of the Church in the city of Detroit
- Pastoral Planning Committee - address concerns of the 5 Year Pastoral Plan
- Education Committee - select topics, speakers, and plan educational forums
- Advocacy committee - support for persons hurt by archdiocesan policies.

To register as a member of Elephants in the Living Room please complete the following information:

Name: _____ Address: _____
 City/Zip Code: _____ / _____ Phone #: _____
 E-Mail Address: _____

Founder (\$100.00) Regular Member (\$25.00/yr) Associate Member (Free Will Offering)

Make checks payable to: Elephants in the Living Room.

Mail to: Elephants in the Living Room, P.O. Box 644, Farmington, MI 48332.

I would be willing to serve on one of the following committees:

- Urban Agenda Pastoral Planning
- Education Advocacy
- Membership Organization

I can help occasionally with:

- Mailings
- Registrations
- Phone Calls

Yours in Christ,

Joann Vasely

Chairperson, Membership Committee