

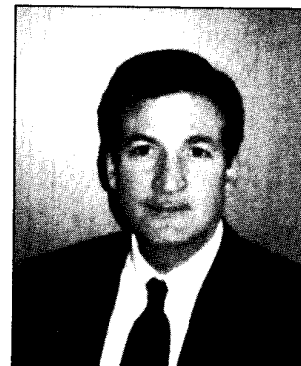
Next to focus and silence, Beacon Street loves laughter. I have been told that laughter is an immediate indication that the audience is with you. That they get it. It is a pre-verbal sign that they understood the fullness of their role in the sometimes awkward situations demanded by discipleship. A dear friend of mine from the DC area never writes to me without closing with his trademark I Cor. 3,18: "Don't delude yourselves. Any who think themselves wise in a worldly way had better become a fool." For this reason, I equate exhilarating laughter with the voice of the Holy Spirit. A great, audible rush of God and us and what we share.

And always we are looking for gifts. Our mission is to look for the potatoes missed by some of the hungriest disciples we know. Some gifts have fancy names assigned by Isaiah or traditional Church teaching, but some of the most critical gifts are so unique that only the baptized who are "gifted" can know them, that is, until they are shared with the community. That's whom all gifts are destined for. They belong, ultimately, to the community that both sustains us and challenges us on a daily basis. Be they Confirmation candidates or unsuspecting parents, all our audiences need to be reminded that everything they need may already have been granted.

That's what we do on the road and at home, in Your Ville. The recent youth events east and west were large-scale reminders that "if they come, we will build it." And more than likely, they will benefit from all we have learned from audiences we have encountered before theirs.

Thank you for calling us to ministry all these years. Your invitation has kept us fixed on our mission, even when it's mobile.

## Spotlight on John Sideras



***Your involvement with Beacon Street: yes***  
**[Treasurer for the board, too]**

***Occupation: Chief Financial Officer -***  
**MetroHealth System**

***Birthday: July 21st***

***City where you live: Novelty, Ohio***

***Family members: Debra, Leo & Kate***

***Last great book you read OR favorite author:***  
**Fundamentals of Healthcare Finance**

***Last great movie you saw OR your favorite movie:***  
**"The Rookie"**

***Hobbies: Fly-fishing***

***Best thing about working with Beacon Street: the***  
**fruit drinks at Board meetings and Bob's cookies**

***Personal Motto or Favorite Scripture quote: "It is***  
**only with the heart that one can see rightly. What**  
**is essential is invisible to the eye."**

**- A quote from the fox in The Little Prince.**