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Goals and Objectives

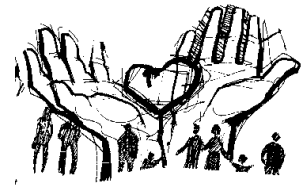
Goals: 1) To develop a parish culture that inspires each of us to a life-long journey of continual conversion in our relationship with God.

2) To share the Good News of Christ's presence in our lives, with our faith family and with all who are receptive. "He who has ears, let him hear" — Matthew 13:9

Context: Evangelization has several components. First and foremost is love: love of God, love of others, love of self; then, an invitation into a personal relationship with Jesus, an ongoing conversion; a conscious, active extension of ourselves and our communities; the nurturing of spiritual growth within the context of a worshipping faith community, and enthusiastic participation in the ministry of loving service to others.

"Evangelizing means bringing the Good News to all humanity, and through its influence, transforming humanity from within and making it new." —Pope Paul VI, "Evangelii Nuntiadi"

Link to Family: We learn, we grow, we share, pouring out our love and the Good News to others



Objective 1: To help fellow faith family members understand the meaning of evangelism, in the context of Catholicism

Objective 2: To encourage and promote activities which transform and feed our own humanity (i.e., spiritual growth), and thus more fully empower us to inspire and love others

Objective 3: To cause individuals to be mindful and intentional about their personal spiritual growth

Objective 4: To consciously collaborate with other groups to promote ministries and activities meant to deepen parishioners' personal relationship with Jesus.

Objective 5: Collaborate with other groups for the purpose of increasing Mass attendance and sharing of Christ among us.

Relevant Data

The two charts in this section speak to the dynamics of evangelism as they occur in our parish. The first shows our growth in registered households, which likely is the result of several factors:

- Catholics moving into the area (population pro rata of new housing units)
- shifts from neighboring parishes
- parishioner referral and evangelism efforts with neighbors and friends
- Catholics Come Home initiative

The second chart sharpens the focus on individual evangelizing actions of parishioners, which may not directly translate to a new parish registration.



Responses to Gallup question #002: “In the last month I have invited someone to participate in my parish.”

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
SSTM 2012	36%	18%	15%	13%	18%
SSTM 2010	35%	23%	14%	14%	14%
Catholic sample	44%	20%	13%	10%	13%

Pastor’s Comments

- a. Sec 6.6.1 – The objectives address the immediate goal of new evangelization, that is, evangelizing ourselves. There needs to be a vision for reaching the non-practicing Catholics as well as the non-Catholics. Demographics say 73k in parish boundaries, 13k are Catholic, we have 5k of them registered.
- b. Sec 6.6.3 – ME 25 shows growth in invitation score, but 18% still seems so low. Objective could address that.
- c. Sec 6.6.3 – I’m not sure Mass attendance gets at an increase of closeness to Jesus, nor of authentic participation in the Liturgy. Perhaps “Mass attendance of returning Catholics” gets to it more accurately.

P3 Team Comments

The following are observations offered for consideration by those analyzing data and developing action items. They are the result of the P3 Team’s attempt to discern and synthesize inputs from the faithful as expressed through listening sessions (including Focus Groups, the Discernment Event, and various staff input sessions), and three parish surveys administered over a thirty-month period

- Increasing Mass attendance. This is a measure of evangelism effectiveness. Note that the current 11:00 A.M. Mass nearly maximizes our parking and seating capacities. Therefore, efforts should be focused on increasing attendance at the other Masses.

Implementation Resources

The following are data points noted by the Team and offered here for consideration by those developing action initiatives. Please refer to Section 7 of the Pastoral Plan.

- Section 7.1: Data Compilation Reports
 - 7.1.1: Youth Ministry
 - 7.1.2: Worship and Prayer
 - 7.1.3: Stewardship
 - 7.1.4: Outreach
 - 7.1.7: Adult Faith Formation
 - 7.1.8: Diversity and Ethnic Considerations
 - 7.1.10: Organization
 - 7.1.11: Lay Leadership
 - 7.1.12: Parish Life
 - 7.1.15: Pastoral Care
 - 7.1.20: Evangelism
- Section 7.2: Comparison Report of Gallup Surveys
- Section 7.3: Parish Life Survey Report

