**Listening Session Summary Report**

**Location: Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Date of Session: 11-17-2018 Facilitator: Rev. Thom Hennen**

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**Approximate number of participants: 14**

**Were small groups utilized? \_\_\_X\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no**

**If so, how many small groups did you have?**

**Briefly describe the composition of the group (age/race/gender/ethnicity).**

**Anglo, from ages 25-70+**

**Were there any impeding factors that could have limited attendance?**

**Snow / weather**

**Chapter Large Group Responses. List with bullet points.**

**Chapter 1: Also combined with Chapter 4 question (Evangelization and the Kingdom)**

* **What is Our Lady of Lourdes doing to Evangelize, going out, especially to those who are not with us**
* **How are we going out beyond our walls to the marginalized?**
* **We reach out the elderly with home communion, but could do better to engage more**
* **Many examples of charitable outreach through social action committee**
* **Not inviting people although they are served food, clothing, etc.**
* **Service opportunities for youth**
* **Book giveaways at Christmas and Easter**
* **Just started Alpha which brought in more people than expected**
* **CEW (Christian Experience Weekend) Retreat Experience**
* **Rides for people who cannot drive to church**
* **People who come for assistance to the office, opening a way to evangelize, not being impersonal.**

**Chapter 2:**

* **What are the greatest obstacles to evangelization at Our Lady of Lourdes?**
* **Youth stuff (sports, dance, soccer, etc. 4,000 reasons not to go to church on Sunday)**
* **Lack of enthusiasm from some parishioners**
* **Resistance to change**
* **Technology has made people engage people less**
* **Impersonal relationships**
* **Changing neighborhood, bridge construction, location of church is a challenge**
* **People coming late and leaving early, work obligations**

**Chapter 3:**

* **The proclamation of the Gospel – To what extent does Our Lady of Lourdes evangelize or form disciples of Christ?**
* **NCYC**
* **Sacramental Prep/School/Religious Education**
* **Alpha/RCIA/Bible study/prayer groups**
* **Forming Intentional Disciples**
* **CEW**
* **Sister parish in Arequipa, Peru**
* **Knights of Columbus and their programs**
* **Parish School (greater unity with the parish)**
* **Brought in speakers on the Faith**
* **Eucharistic Adoration**
* **Pro-Life Ministry**

**Chapter 4:**

* **See Chapter 1**

**Chapter 5:**

* **Pentecost – What resonates or challenges us from Pope Francis words on spirit filled evangelization?**
* **The difference between believing and following**
* **Finding time to do something outside of your comfort zone**
* **Focus of preaching – preparing for the week**
* **Importance of personal relationship with Jesus and sharing that**
* **Blessings that comes when we say “yes”**
* **Invitation**

**Participant Surveys**

**Question 1: 5 yes, 2 no, 2 no response**

**Question 2:**

**Question 3: 4 Yes, same as above.**

**Question 4: List responses with bullet points.**

* **I would like to see our speak more about our outreach ministries**
* **We should print more quotes from Pope Francis in our bulletin**
* **Let’s put Jesus and Mary more Out There. The focus should be on the m for the beauty of their attraction.**