

# *Pastoral Planning – January 9, 2014*

## **HOLY FAMILY, GROUP A**

### STRENGTHS

- 18 Caring Atmosphere
- 18 Work well together
- 13 Making people feel at home
- 8 Independent
- 8 Hard working/work well together
- 7 Fellowship
- 2 Small –knowing everyone
- 1 Close proximity/similar backgrounds

### WEAKNESSES/IMPROVEMENTS

- 20 Attract more active young people
- 18 Reach out to non-practicing Catholics and invite them to attend Mass
- 12 More training with the music
- 8 Events geared to children and young adults
- 7 More Masses
- 6 Be more accommodating to people with disabilities
- 3 Transportation assistance
- 3 Broader awareness of global issues
- 0 Have to accept that we are remaining a separate parish

### OPPORTUNITIES

- 19 Learn from and grow with each other
- 15 Develop more leadership/ownership in our parish
- 13 Combine creative resources
- 9 Opportunity for the fallen-away to return
- 9 New relationships with people from other parishes
- 6 Opportunity to show our Catholic faith
- 3 Learn to be more open-minded
- 1 Be a more welcoming parish

### CHALLENGES/TRENDS

- 16 Lack of involvement of the young people
- 12 Jobs that pay a decent wage
- 10 People leaving our area
- 9 Restoring confidence/trust
- 8 Parish financial support
- 8 Aging population
- 6 Shortage of priests
- 4 Decline of parish attendance

2 Attracting more lay people and 0 Government regulations and rules

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### **HOLY FAMILY, GROUP B**

#### STRENGTHS

- 20 Devotion and action of parishioners who engage a strong and loving relationship with God
- 11 Genuine concern for all for church and community
- 10 Solid worship site
- 10 Dedicated, committed people
- 8 Financial stability – debt free, trust fund
- 3 Adult education
- 0 Small size
- 0 Common interests

#### WEAKNESSES/IMPROVE

- 20 Greater parishioners participation in different ministries
- 9 Better job descriptions for duties for volunteers and staff
- 7 More attention for elderly and shut-ins
- 7 Decreased membership
- 7 More effort for evangelization (fallen away Catholics)
- 6 Lack of leaders in music ministry
- 4 Need to be more inviting

#### OPPORTUNITIES

- 18 Collaboration of all three parishes with a common goal of loving and serving God
- 10 Stronger community among all three parishes and we attend services at different times in different locations
- 10 School support
- 8 Keeping services simple so people feel comfortable coming to church
- 7 An open-minded, delegating priest
- 5 Parishioners encouraged to become leaders
- 2 Ability to show open opposition to abortion

#### CHALLENGES/TRENDS

- 16 Decline in number of priests
- 14 Lack of good quality job opportunities
- 10 Inability to keep young people
- 9 Decrease in county population
- 7 Age of parishioners
- 4 Cohabitation (not married)