



**St Raymond de Penafort**

Meeting 4  
October 6, 2015



## AGENDA

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- Opening Prayer/Welcome
- Hopes and Concerns-Brief Review
- Lenses for Mission-Exercise
- Building Blocks
  - Evangelization
  - Catechesis
  - Prayer and Worship
- Questions and Next Steps
- Closing Prayer



# WELCOME

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- Welcome
- Meeting 3 Review
  - Identifying Pearls of Great Price
  - Review of sample Mission Narratives
- Meeting 4 Objectives
  - Lenses for Mission brainstorming
  - Begin discussing Mission Building Blocks
  - Review Hopes and Concerns



# Hopes and Concerns- Review



People	Liturgy	Community	Mission	Ministry	School	Youth-General	Youth-Active	Youth-Inactive	Young Families	Admin
Hopes & Concerns St. Raymond, Mt. Prospect Parish Transformation Meeting 1										
All people have a voice	Hoping for expression of faith in simple and direct way	Growth of parish	Don't lose sight of mission & love of Jesus	Find ways to have members participate more	Hope school parents will bring children to mass on Sunday	Hoping for commitment to youth and engagement with adults	Youngsters resume 1:1:5 homily reports	Reach young where they are and harness energy	Younger generations come to SR	Grow in sustainable way
Encourage diversity of thought	We acknowledge the strong history of ministry and liturgy at SR. Return to vibrancy we have lost	Outreach to inactive Catholics and younger people	Pass SR on to next generation even stronger than we are today	Strong outreach to people who have moved to nursing homes and in-home care. No one is forgotten.	Stewardship to pull in school families	Young people will not have faith as strong or identical to that we have	Have young people in leadership roles	Don't have younger people involvement. Where will we be in 20-30 years?	Hope that we can bring in younger generations	Hope to have leadership filled by lay
Tap into hopes of people not on PT Team to hear and respond to their needs	Lack of turn out at masses	Embrace a more diverse group to fill the pews in a vibrant way	Maintain spirit of Vatican II Council	Great learning formation at Bible classes - felt so good, joined parish	Long term viability of school		Engage young people (tweens - 30+)	Disconnect between church and youth	Stewardship to pull in religious education families	Hope Fr. Ed will stay/permanent pastor
Participation through example - especially for young people	Tremendous liturgies at SR	There is relevant shrinking of seniors. Need to engage youth	Become church in a new way - not just depending on one pastor					Reverse trend or there will be no church	We're failing to get younger generations engaged	Increase women's leadership in church
If we don't embrace diversity we will not survive		Fewer people in church - let's reach out	Build the church with energy we used to feel						All children are welcome here & encouraged for families to attend	Have more than 1 priest in the future
Ability to bring people back into the pews	Outreach as community - move out of Mt. Prospect and address issues - diversity, immigration, etc.	Identify those outside of our walls	Challenges - overcome those challenges							Changes in leadership/we don't want to lose flavor of parish
Lack of participation	Really need to identify those outside of our walls	Return to church of vibrancy for many generations	Sense of family and community							Priest shortage - how will it be managed?
We have much in common and must stick together	50th anniversary of Vatican II Council. Church was full of joy as time changes around us. Reaching out to each other keeps us in touch with the mission of Jesus.		There is always a place for you at SR							Recognize financial situation
Each one cares about the other - warm & welcoming			Realize parish is a choice - encourage people to keep coming back.							Will this PT program expand us?
Openness which is willing to leave its comfort zone			All are welcome - we really mean it!							Mindset: "That's the way we've always done it."
Family and community with people you know and love each week										Easy to say membership declining
										Strong, energetic leadership from pastor



# EVANGELIZATION

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How am I called to go beyond my comfort zone to share and pass on my faith?
- How are we called as a parish to go beyond our comfort zone to share and pass on our faith?
- How can we respond to the challenge to ‘re-propose the Gospel’ in our parish and neighborhood?



## EVANGELIZATION

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- What form/area of evangelization does our parish do well?
- What form/area of Evangelization could we improve on?
- Is Evangelization a pressing need in our community?
- Do any themes jump out that could be a defining mission theme for our parish?



# EVANGELIZATION

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<b>How much should our parish focus on Evangelization compared to our current efforts?</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Much more	
Somewhat more	
Keep the same	
Do less	



# CATECHESIS



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What has been the most effective in my life for learning the faith of the Church?
- How strong are our catechetical efforts in our parish? Are they helping bring all of us closer to Christ?

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- What form/area of Catechesis does our parish do well?
- What form/area of Catechesis could we improve on?
- Is Catechesis a pressing need in our community?
- Do any themes jump out that could be a defining mission theme for our parish?



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# PRAYER & WORSHIP



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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If someone who hasn't come to Mass in years came to our parish for Sunday Mass, what would they see and experience?
- Is our Prayer & Worship courageous or a mere formality?
  - What does our answer to this question imply for where we may need to go as a parish?



## PRAYER & WORSHIP

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- What form/area of Prayer & Worship does our parish do well?
- What form/area of Prayer & Worship could we improve on?
- Is Prayer & Worship a pressing need in our community?
- Do any themes jump out that could be a defining mission theme for our parish?



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<b>How much should our parish focus on Prayer &amp; Worship compared to our current efforts?</b>	<b>Votes</b>
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# COMMUNIO



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How have I experienced communio in my parish?
- Are we a welcoming community? Do we pay attention to the stranger in our midst?



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- What form/area of Communio does our parish do well?
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# Questions?



## NEXT STEPS

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- Read and reflect upon the Mission Workbook in preparation for our next meeting
  - Communion
  - Missionary Spirit
  - Call to Holiness
  - Spiritual Stewardship
- Next Parish Transformation meeting:

**Tuesday, October 13**

**7-9pm**