



St. Raymond de Penafort

Meeting 3

Sept 29, 2015



AGENDA

- Opening Prayer
- Welcome
- Norms
- Pearls of Great Price
- Mission Narrative Overview
- Lenses for Mission Introduction
- Questions and Next Steps
- Closing Prayer



WELCOME

- Welcome
- Meeting 2 Review
 - Understanding mission's role at the heart of parish life
 - Parish Overview
- Meeting 3 Objectives
 - Review group norms
 - Identify our parish's Pearls of Great Price
 - Understand how we will articulate our vision for mission through a Mission Narrative
 - Understand parish mission through various lenses

Norms of our Meeting

- ▶ All Participate
- ▶ Listen to Peoples’ Stories
- ▶ Listen with the “Ear of the Heart”
- ▶ Share “Air–Time”
- ▶ Seek not to judge but to understand
- ▶ Speak Gently
- ▶ Speak only *Life Giving Words*
- ▶ Disagree Graciously
- ▶ Agree to Disagree



Norms of our Meeting



- ▶ Share Your Wisdom
- ▶ “Emotions Spoken Here”
- ▶ Don’t Reject Ideas ... Make *Room* for Them
 (“Expand the Pie”)
- ▶ Collaborate with others (treat others as partners, not adversaries)
- ▶ Apologize
- ▶ Forgive and Reconcile

Norms of our Meeting



- ▶ Make room for The Spirit to influence our deliberations (be open to the Spirit working in the gathering)
- ▶ Suspend judgment
- ▶ Be conscious of your unexamined assumptions



PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE

PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE - EXAMPLE

EXAMPLE:

Parish: St. Barbara in Brookfield, IL

Pearl of Great Price:

Each year, the St. Barbara holds a Pentecost vigil. The parish keeps a fire burning from the Saturday evening Mass through the final Mass on Sunday morning.

As a source of inspiration:

St. Barbara used the Pentecost vigil as a source of inspiration for its Mission Narrative and action plan. They identified themselves as “People of the Pentecost” who are called to serve, evangelize, and catechize.





PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE

Small groups (20 minutes)

- Write down your ideas for Pearls of Great Price on the post-it note (**1 per post-it note**) and place them on the flip paper
- As a small group, discuss why you believe the idea on each post-it note is a Pearl of Great Price for the parish
- Select the **(2)** ideas you believe are the parish's greatest pearls and prepare to present them to the group



MISSION NARRATIVE



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- Re-read the Narratives of the Mission Workbook
- Consider the questions at the end of each narrative – we will discuss as a large group
- Remember that the purpose of the Mission Narrative is to articulate our vision for where we are called to go in service of mission



LENSES FOR MISSION

LENSES FOR MISSION - EXERCISE



Lens:

For each lens, think about how the parish is affected. How might these effects influence the parish's mission?

Basis: What is an example that could be a source of inspiration for our parish mission?

Vision: What is the vision for mission that could be inspired? To what might we be called as a parish based on these examples?

LENSES FOR MISSION - EXAMPLES



Lens	Basis / Source of Inspiration	Vision
Pearl of Great Price	Strong music ministry	Become a witness to our faith through music, by providing beautiful celebrations of the Mass, offering frequent prayerful reflections with music, and by evangelizing the community through frequent performances of sacred pieces
Parish composition	Many lawyers in the parish	Become beacons of justice by standing up for the marginalized, providing legal assistance for the poor, and educating parishioners about the key justice issues of our day.

LENSES FOR MISSION - EXAMPLE



Lens	Basis / Source of Inspiration	Vision
Demographics	Growing cultural diversity in our community	Become a true model of Christian communion in a multicultural setting by moving past our cultural affinities to become one as a parish.
Spiritual challenge	High foreclosure rate and unemployment in our community, leading many to sense of hopelessness	Become beacon for hope in our community, drawing on "Be not Afraid", by offering spiritual reflections on hope and supporting parishioners through programs in career counseling, job training and basic economics.

LENSES FOR MISSION - TEMPLATE



Lens	Basis / Source of Inspiration	Vision





Questions?

NEXT STEPS

- Read and reflect upon pages 20-37 of the Mission Workbook in preparation for our next meeting
 - Evangelization
 - Catechesis
 - Prayer & Worship
 - Communion
- Next Parish Transformation meeting:

Tuesday, Oct 6

7-9pm

