

There were almost 500 surveys collected! The information gleaned will be assembled by the Steering Committee for discussion at the very important meeting next week. Don't worry if you have missed a meeting or two, please encourage all to attend next week, Tuesday, October 13 at 7pm.

Please discern your availability for Saturday, October 24 from 9:30-12:30 for the PT Workshop in Park Ridge which includes representatives from the 18 parishes currently involved in Parish Transformation. There is also a full day archdiocesan meeting on the "Parish of the Future" at Dominican University that same day. We plan to send representatives of St. Raymond to both.

We split into groups to brainstorm surface themes and thoughts to serve as inspiration for our mission:

Lens	Source of Inspiration	Vision
History	Fr. O'Brien blessed homes CFM/CHRP/Baptism/PreCana in homes Revitalization Campaign home visits 40 years of theatre performances	Return to small groups meeting in homes Face-to-face evangelization Reaching out, personal, verbal Call and Invitation Continued SR Theatre
Patron Saint	Lawyer/Tradition and Discipline Compiled 100 years of laws Teacher of the under-privileged	Loved by those with no access to education Education focus
Parish Composition	Dedicated, educated Great breadth of vocations	Community Outreach Challenge to be more inclusive and less homogenous
Scripture Story	Washing of Feet Prodigal Son and Family	Serving each other/Social justice/We are all equal God takes <u>care</u> of us <u>always</u> Celebrate those who come home and those who have always been home/broad definition of family
Particular Spiritual Challenge	Lack of Pastor Leadership Lack of participation/attendance Lack of enthusiasm/vibrancy Not as welcoming as we should be	Understand why we don't have a pastor/address reasons Inclusive service projects for young/old/families Better catechesis/service and social component Procuring a pastor
Pearl of Great Price	People committed to ministries to spread the Gospel Music Ministry Expansive scope of Lay Ministries	How do we evangelize to different age groups? How do we evangelize to the community at large? Expand involvement of all ages, cultures, abilities Deeper ecumenical dialogue across demographics with continuous empowerment and renewal

We each put sticker dots on the poster boards to choose our most compelling threads or themes:

- People are committed to Ministries to spread the Gospel. How do we evangelize to different age groups – especially 20s to 40s – and to the community at large? (50 dots)
- Lack of both attendance at mass and participation in parish sponsored activities. (33 dots)
- Prodigal Son Family and Feet Washing (21 dots)
- Lack of Pastor Leadership. Understand why we don't have a pastor and address the reasons. (19 dots)
- Personal, face-to-face invitation to return to small groups in homes (15 dots)

For those of you who missed Meeting One, please review the Hopes and Concerns handout which you were given in a readable font this evening and which is available at the Parish Transformation link on the SR website. Also, please read to page 46 in the Mission Workbook to prepare for next Tuesday, October 13 at 7pm.

In closing, Fr. Ed reminded us that to live the challenge of All Are Welcome here we must create an environment of BELONGING. He encouraged us all to listen to the Holy Spirit in our lives by sitting in quiet and slowing down.