

We began our meeting, after a terrific Cubs victory, with a topline review of the quantitative results from the Parish Transformation Survey. The energy to fill out the survey was remarkable with more collected than any previous parish. The respondents were 73% women and 54% 30-54 year-olds with 51% having children under the age of 18 at home. The cumulative quantitative survey results – with the exclusion of the open-ended survey questions – are available on the parish website. A summary of the qualitative results – the open-ended questions – will be shared in two weeks.

We split into groups to consider the “Building Blocks” of parish life. We discussed the following questions:

- What do we understand the **Building Block** to mean?
- What aspects of the Building Block does our parish **do well**?
- Are there some aspects of the Building Block we might **improve on**?
- Is this Building Block a **pressing need** in our community?

| Building Block | Do Well | Improve on | Pressing Need |
|---|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Evangelization: introducing the living Christ as an invitation to a conversion of mind and heart | | | |
| | Welcoming | Activities to involve the community | Bring them back |
| | Inclusion throughout Mass | Carry on through the week | Attach people who have left |
| | Hospitality | Use of social media | Keep people engaged |
| | | Reach out to people in community | Gather the unchurched |
| Catechesis: a lifelong process of understanding and promoting the teachings of Christ | | | |
| | RCIA, CLOW, Sacraments | Confirmation prep and retreats | High School to Young Adult |
| | REP, Day School | Evaluate effectiveness of homily report | |
| | | Catechesis in bulletin | |
| | | More relevant REP teaching materials | |
| | | Social Justice issues | |
| | | More HS formation w/o giant commitment of Branches | |
| Prayer and Worship: parish culture of prayer with the ritual of liturgy to connect our lives | | | |
| | Mass | Ask for deeper participation | Sensitive to mass times |
| | Sacraments | Cross connect age groups | Bring back/engage 20ish folks |
| | | Change it up w fresh ideas to engage | Teen Mass |
| Communio: being a citizen of a genuine Catholic Community where you both give and receive | | | |
| | Everyone has value | We touch people but are not attaching people | |
| | Be involved | Connect with other Catholic Churches and churches of other faiths | |
| | Personal invitation | BELONGING is missing bridge btwn Evangelization and Communio | |
| | | Ownership + involvement = BELONGING = Pressing Need | |
| Missionary Spirit: preparing and sending parishioners into the world to transform society with the joy of the Gospel | | | |
| | PADS, Backpacks, POG | Say “Hello!” in church/on our streets | Find out services needed |
| | Marry, Bury, Baptize all | Improve accounting for ministries | Mentor, pull people along |
| | | Being a positive force in the world connects to Evangelization | |
| Call to Holiness: to be Christ-centered, resistant to sin and committed to charity, peace, prayer and virtue | | | |
| | MAC, Women Spirituality | Integrate daily acts of faith and love | One on one contact |
| | Mission Trips | Integrate our faith into young lives | Making another feel beloved |
| | | “Be holy, because I am holy.” | Preaching lifts us to holiness |
| Spiritual Stewardship: fostering a culture of gratitude that inspires parishioners to share time, talent and money | | | |

Generous to parish
Generous to alms

Transparency in getting volunteers
Better follow up with volunteers
Transparency in how many people participate in ministries
61% of people *think* they know financial position of parish
More transparency on financial position

volunteer coordinator
Money to continue ministries

We voted by show of hands on the question “Do we need to focus **much more** on Evangelization here at SR?”

| | Evangelization | Catechesis | Prayer&Worship | Communio | Missionary | Holiness | Stewardship |
|------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------|------------|----------|-------------|
| much more | 38 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 21 |
| somewhat more | 4 | 29 | 19 | 24 | 31 | 18 | 19 |
| same | 0 | 4 | 23 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 0 |
| less | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Please read and reflect upon past discussions and pages 55-64 on “Our Mission” in the Mission Workbook to prepare for our next meeting on Tuesday, October 20 from 7-10pm. Please note the extended time as we will be prioritizing a Mission Theme (the core of the Mission Narrative) as well as choosing 1-3 Mission Building Blocks for our action plan. It’s important to read these few pages as they will provide a necessary foundation for our interactions next Tuesday.

After next week’s discernment and Building Block selection, we will break into sub-committees to begin brainstorming goals and actions steps. Please give some thought over the next week where you may make your best contribution— Mission sub-committee, Formation sub-committee, or Finance sub-committee. Next Tuesday, we will ask you to sign in under one of these three sub-committees.

We will ask for volunteers to attend both the PT Workshop in Park Ridge on Saturday, October 24 from 9:30-12 as well as the full day meeting on the “Parish of the Future” at Dominican University that same day.

We closed on another happy note: John Lorbach’s grandson was born this evening, Jacob Thomas Lorbach!