

Jon Matousek shared that our kick-off meeting had the largest attendance of any of the 175 archdiocesan parishes that have gone through Parish Transformation. Woot Woot! This second meeting was smaller with 105 people, but no less robust with chances to speak and be heard. Keep coming back and this will be a success!

We began by welcoming Johnny Burnett to the Steering Committee and then by sharing a biblical story or scripture passage which was personally meaningful. The most mentioned passages include:

Parable of the loaves and fishes	Prodigal Son	Foot washing
We are many parts yet one body	Doubting Thomas	God loves little children
Jesus calming the storm	Martha and Mary	Love one another
On the road to Damascus	Good Samaritan	Do not be afraid
Zacchaeus the Tax Collector	Nativity stories	Be still and know

A favorite gospel passage may eventually be included in our Mission Narrative, which will be illuminated through reflection, discussion and prayer. The Mission Narrative articulates a vision of who we are and where we are called to go in service of mission - a long-term vision which we seek together. The Mission Narrative does not replace our St. Raymond Mission Statement of Welcome. Love. Serve. We will be looking for some group or person to take on the job of writing our narrative. There are examples of narratives in the Mission Workbook.

We discussed what it means to make Christ’s mission our own. Mission refers to everything we attribute to Jesus in his ministry to redeem the world, to raise up the lowly, to extend mercy to sinners, to bring hope to the world and lead us on the road to heaven. Pope Francis encourages us to break through the sea of busyness and place mission at the heart of what we do.

As a community we are already missionaries in many ways to people around us, to name just a few:

We baptize, marry and bury	Youth Mission trips	Our twinning parish, Providence of God
Domestic Violence Outreach	Scripture study	Hospital Ministry and Ministers of Care

But we surely are still missing the talents of many people who may not feel welcomed or included.

Please know that this process only works with fresh voices. Please fill out the Parish Transformation Survey found online or in the bulletin. It would be extremely valuable to hear from people who have stopped coming to Mass so please reach out to friends and neighbors to encourage all. The last day to fill out a paper survey is Friday, September 25 and the last day to fill out an online survey has been extended to Wednesday the 30th.

Our Parish Profile was discussed which included our parish history, our Patron saint, our current ministries and a financial overview. These profiles will be available online in a separate template.

Please read pages 19 and 20 in the Mission Booklet (available online, in the parish office or ask for it at the SCRIP table this weekend) and join us next Tuesday, September 29th at 7pm in the Community Room. Whether you are coming for the first time or returning, all are welcome to join the Parish Transformation Team!