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# Community Meeting – Faith Formation Mission Strategies

To Review and Prioritize Strategies

May 1 & 2, 2017



# Opening Prayer & Thoughts

- **Let us pray † – “Dear GOD, we want Your will above everything else. We’re not just asking You to bless whatever plan we devise – we want and need Your wisdom. We want to move by Your direction and in Your timing. We want to work together to help provide Our Lady of Good Counsel Community with what You want them to have and do, in Your name. LORD, please send the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts and keep our hearts tuned to Yours.” AMEN †**
- GOD placed Adam in the Garden “to work it and take care of it” – Genesis 2:15
- “The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways.” - Proverbs 14:8
- As we proceed – let’s continue to ask “LORD, what is your direction in this area?”



# OLGC Mission Statement

WE, AS MEMBERS OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH,  
STRIVE TO WITNESS TO THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST BY

PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH,  
EDUCATING OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN,  
SHARING OUR PERSONS, RESOURCES, AND GIFTS  
IN THE CARE AND SERVICE  
OF ONE ANOTHER.

WE ARE CALLED TO FOSTER  
AN ENVIRONMENT OF HOSPITALITY  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRITUALITY OF  
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES.



# Pastoral Planning Cycle





# Values

To clarify what we stand for and believe in.....  
These are used to Identify who we are, highlight  
Theology and guide Action

- Prayer and Worship
- Faith Building
- Service to Others
- Family-focused
- Inclusive - Hospitality

**These are the values recommended by the Joint Councils  
and should be reviewed during Mission Planning**



# Joint Councils 5 Year Visions

- 1) We know our community – Census – know their talents
- 2) Pre-School in Place
- 3) Continued Improvements in Liturgy & Worship
- 4) Diversity of School and Parish Activities in line with local community
- 5) OLGC/SJN – Known as local Center of Salesian Spirituality
- 5) Physical Plant – totally accessible and promotes the highest level of function
- 6) Fully enrolled school catering to students with all levels of abilities
- 7) In Place Funding for School Tuition Assistance – scholarships
- 8) Improved communication of activities into the community
- 9) Satisfy the hunger for involvement in OLGC activities  
(possibly bring the Vienna offerings here)
- 10) Active Small Faith Groups





# Mission Areas Definition

- Liturgy & Worship
- **Faith Formation**
- Community – Fellowship
- Community - Outreach
- School

## Supporting Functions

Communications

Development

Facilities

Technology

Financial

Administrative



# Faith Formation

## Activities

- Adult Faith Formation
- Formation & Fellowship with St. Mark's and St. John Neumann (Live Jesus Morning of Reflection, etc.)
- FORMED.ORG replaces lending library
- Fr Matt's Musings Emails
- Jr. High & H.S. Faith Formation
- Lent & Advent Fairs
- Pre-Cana (Marriage) Preparation
- Parish-wide Formation (Mercy Matters, etc.)
- Preschool & Elementary Faith Formation (CCF & School)
- RCIA (including Inquiry and Mystagogia)
- RCIA Adapted for Children/Teens
- Retreats/Parish Mission
- Sacramental Preparation
- Salesian Studies
- School Religion classes
- Special Programs (Mercy Matters)
- Sunday Homilies
- Young Adult Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- Work Camps

## Resources

- Adult Faith Group Leaders
- Parish Bulletin and Website
- Bulletin and Web Site
- Program Materials
- CCF Leaders and Instructors
- School Religion Teachers
- Oblates
- Youth Leaders and Instructors





# What we do well

- ▶ A Large Variety of Faith Formation Opportunities already underway!
- ▶ Engaging Sacramental preparation process for adults and children
- ▶ Continued Growth in Children's Faith Formation Programs and Methods
- ▶ Developed a Continuity from Junior High program to return for High School and now College activities.
- ▶ A Dynamic High School Youth Ministry
- ▶ Started collaboration with St. Mark's and Saint John Neumann concerning Catechist Formation and Youth Ministry



# Faith Formation

## Mission Area: Liturgical/Sacramental Formation

### Strategy Description

1. Enhance Confirmation Prep/ Jr. High Workcamp (JHWC)
2. Re-introduce Liturgical Catechesis
3. Encourage Greater Mass Participation of Faith Formation Families
4. Solidify Sacramental Preparation



# Faith Formation

## Mission Area: Formative Activities

### Strategy Description

1. Implement “Through the Eyes of Faith” – an opportunity to explore current events through the perspective of our faith
2. Re-introduce Women Bible Study
3. Expand Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Montessori-based faith formation for ages 3-12
4. Expand Parent/Married Couples Formation



# Faith Formation

## Mission Area: Experiential Formation

### Strategy Description

1. Re-introduce Small Faith Sharing Groups
2. Conduct OLGCC Parish Wide Service Events
3. Offer more Retreat Opportunities
4. Develop Young Adults/Professionals Ministry



# Faith Formation

## Mission Area: Youth Ministry

### Strategy Description

1. Expand Jr High Program
2. Continue Growth for High School Program
3. Start “JP Tuesdays” - Theology of the Body Gathering for Teens
4. Start a College Student Ministry
5. Establish a Youth Mass
6. Expand Youth Ministry Gym/Field Day
7. Introduce Small mission trips to other countries
8. Place Student Representatives on Youth Board for Hispanic, Fil Am communities



# Faith Formation

## Mission Area: Other Activities

### Strategy Description

1. Create a Plan for Faith Formation Opportunities That Weave Throughout Generations
2. Increase Promotion of all Faith Formation Opportunities
3. Establish Spanish Community Catechesis
4. Provide Additional Catechist Collaboration/Formation – support from School
5. Increase our Faith Formation Ability to Serve Those with Special Needs in Our Community
6. Incorporate Salesian Spirituality Throughout Faith Formation
7. Establish Preschool Family Faith Mixer – Cross Mission Activity with School





# Survey - Please Provide Your Inputs

- Strategies – score on scale
- Your ideas – please – input what you like anonymously or not
- Volunteer as a Catechist (for adult or children), Assistant or Youth Ministry Volunteer
- Request guidance about developing your own formation plans.
- Select types of formation you would be interested in participating
- Do you prefer Formation Activities during the day or early evening?
- Do you want to be contacted?
- Your contact info or anonymous



# Thanks for Your Inputs to our Future!

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**Faith Formation Mission Strategies**

**\* 1. Liturgical/Sacramental Programs - Please rate each of the following strategies**

	Must Implement	Like to Implement	Not Sure	Don't Think So	Do Not Need/Want
Enhance Confirmation Prep/JR High Workcamp (JHWC)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Re-introduce Liturgical Catechesis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage Greater Mass Participation of Faith Formation Families	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Solidify Sacramental Preparation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\* 2. Formative Education - Please rate each of the following strategies**

	Must Implement	Like to Implement	Not Sure	Don't Think So	Do Not Need/Want
Implement "Through the Eyes of Faith" - Exploring Current Events Through the Lens of Faith	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Re-introduce Women Bible Study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



**Survey Closes May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 PM**