

# Preliminary Summary of St Joseph's 2010 OUTREACH FAIR

*This summary reports comments and suggestions recorded from small group discussions. The Parish Pastoral Council will further analyze the information and provide a follow-up report to the parish community.*

## WORSHIP

### Ministries/CFF

- CFF Meetings with children's liturgy leaders for planning and coordination for training
- Greater CFF participation in children's liturgy
- More development of children's ministry at every mass
- Involve children with liturgical calendar
- Display children's Faith Formation artwork
- Children's Art Committee

### Facilities

- Quiet Chapel area
- A sign to ask people to be quiet while in church
- Monitor for the back area where you can't see
- More facility training/quality in wireless mikes
- New sound system, including vestibule overflow
- Bigger Baptismal Font to visually emphasize sacrament vs tradition or culture

### Hospitality

- Greet people when they come in
- Welcoming event once a month
- Coffee and donuts
- Ministry fair each Sunday

### Liturgy

- Distractions: Cell phones, arrive on time and stay until closing after recessional song
- Use the bells
- Ushers for Spanish mass, more ushers at 10:45 mass
- Ministry to coordinate/direct communion service
- Worship aids with song words

### Liturgy - *continued*

- Children/Youth ministers serve all ministry functions at youth mass
- Sunday evening mass, 2 per month being youth masses, more youth masses
- Priest/Lector make announcements
- Sign language interpreter
- Eucharistic Ministers (EM) wear albs and sit with alter servers (not approved by diocese)
- Communion to the homebound announced at pulpit, such EM brought up at mass
- Community participation, spiritual communion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> mass in Spanish
- Invite friends and family to mass
- Sign language interpreter – homilies, etc.
- Priest suggest parishioners introduce themselves to person next to them
- Focus on families who attend mass together.

### Music

- Choir to engage community if they need practice
- Choir to the side instead of in the sanctuary, choir robes
- More music books (song # less than 300) & music issues (greater than 300)
- Need technology coordinator for musical performances
- Director of Music Ministry

### Other Worship

- Funeral Services
- Living Rosary, by children also
- 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration in Spanish also

## WORD

## COMMUNITY

### Prayer/Study Groups

- Whole Community Catechesis at Parish Level; catechesis for target groups
- Adult Catechesis; for recent RCIA parishioners
- Scripture Study – guided, themed, family; with knowledgeable and engaging Facilitator
- Invite outside speakers
- Marriage preparation classes
- Childplay/faith time during Adult catechesis
- Children CFF during Padre's Friday Spiritual Development sessions
- Multi-parish events

### Resources – include/adapt existing resources

- Resource Center/DVD, CD Library
- Diocesan resources
- Record Padre's Homilies in both languages

### CFF - Special needs children Faith Formation

- Parents responsibility to pass on the faith
- Books are above children's level
- Fingerprinting for everyone that works with children

### Retreats - Onsite, Focused Topics

#### “Christ as Teacher” as theme

- Workshops for parents' role as teachers for children
- Sessions for Catholic Family Rituals

### Communication/Information/Gatherings

- Theme or focus of faith aspects for month
- More information in the bulletin, on website
- More participation from SEAS students
- Young adults 18-35
- Availability, topics of interest survey; survey with table after mass
- Periodic surveys at mass
- *Service mass-participating parishioners, then invite other parishioners*
- Evangelize others and family

### Service

- Outreach areas money matters, health nutrition and exercise
- Invest in music liturgy, guest musicians, workshops
- Free breakfast on Saturday, K of C breakfast, donuts after mass, coffee, pastries
- Feast day, more people to plan activities
- More availability of rooms, place to sit and talk, welcome pamphlets, evening mass, more activities for youth adults 20-40, social activities
- Research Protestant and Mormon marketing techniques
- More communication within parish i.e. re-instate pulpit announcement before final

### Groups

- Toddler play, cooking, exercise, married couple, Catholic Moms, singles groups
- Mixed communities

### Workshops/Events

- Speakers from other religions
- Family social activities, movie night, bridge/pinochle clubs
- Multi cultural parish festival
- Workshop on building family spiritually
- At home small workshop with dinner, 8-12 people
- Develop ties with other churches in the communities
- Craft day for kids
- Church camping trip
- Mixed social events
- Father-Daughter tea
- Parish t-shirts
- Quarterly parish family events bbq, picnics, dinners, etc.
- Sunday school
- Music concerts by the choir to raise money for their equipment and other needs

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## SERVICE

*Practice hope and charity*

### Ministries

- Need Directors of Christian Service/ministries/calendar/communication
- Welcoming dinner to new parishioners rotating by two-three month term
- Appreciation dinner to celebrate ministries
- Ministries be encouraged to speak to others about what their ministry means
- Combine ethnicities in ministries
- Periodic training for Eucharistic Ministers – some confusion at communion
- Periodic Lector training workshops
- Outreach/ministry fair on Sunday afternoon
- Designated program directors for parish ministry
- Young adult ministry
- Christian life community program 8-12 people meet in each others home
- EM and Lectors to be married in Church
- Consolation ministry to visit bereaved
- Different ministry every Sunday
- Reach out to Saturday mass
- More communication among ministries
- Promote to get to know one another in ministries cross ministry
- Home visit to new parishioners
- Need training for everyone who wants to participate in social Ministries
- Social issues teaching and speakers
- Home visits by committee
- Transportation to mass if don't have any

**Communication** *find effective way to communicate with parish community*

- Suggestion box
- Better communication, pulpit

- Communication to the parish of what is available and what's going on in parish
- Website for more in depth info and also a web master
- Publicize more events in Catholic Herald
- Community calendar online
- Better communication to parish at large of what is available in our parish
- Website to keep people informed
- Need a webmaster
- Bigger bulletin board in vestibule with continuing invitation to ministries
- Information on ALL events on campus
- Communication of available assistance for the needy for clothes and food
- Referral list for people in need available when someone calls office
- Each *ministry* takes turns with setting up gatherings after mass to introduce themselves and educate parish community
- Invitations to join in service activities

### Child-care

- Available youth who are certified to babysit for personal or church functions
- Support St. Vincent de Paul/ regular column in bulletin
- More information about how to adopt a family through the Elk Grove Food Bank Services at Christmas.

### Services to sick, elderly, bereaved

- Be better informed in our community of who is sick or in need
- Ministry to elderly, sick, and homebound
- Have contact person call volunteers to visit
- Rides for those otherwise unable to attend mass.

## **SERVICE** - *continued*

### **Services to sick, elderly, bereaved**

- Create a committee in Spanish to tend the bereaved – condolence ministry in Spanish
- Create a committee to assist elderly run errands; “Helping Hands” change a light bulb, etc.

### **Social Services**

- More support for the Elk Grove Food Bank Services
- Fill boxes with food and deliver to individual families
- Free breakfast on Saturday

### **Missionary Projects**

- Sponsor a seminarian in another country
- Sister parish in another country – or domestic – or both
- Possible connections through parishioners with connections to foreign Parishes
- Focused hands-on missionary work/project
- partnership with a Catholic high school
- Missionary project – raise money and go out and do it
- Social mission – Lenten water project – SVDP
- Mission several days long, mini-retreat, bring in missionary priest
- Parish pilgrimage

### **Youth Activities/Service**

- More parish activities for youth and young adults
- Involve children in service projects for the parish and community
- Involve children in services – stuffing envelopes, Granny’s Attic, help serve at hospitality, children’s liturgy, greeters, handing out bulletins, clean up church after mass, parish festival

### **Youth Activities/Service** - *continued*

- Involve people to care for children under 4 or 5 during mass
- Childcare availability for all parish groups

### **Other**

- CLC – Christian Life Communities – at home small worship rituals with dinner in groups of 8-10.
- Do service project
- Welcoming – early church was organized in cells
- Newborn project. Welcome him/her.
- Get parish more involved in civic (Elk Grove) activities; Western Festival Parade, Run for Independence