Worship Commission Meeting

12 May, 2022

**PRESENT:** Beth Campshure, Martha Endejan, Mary Ketterhagen, Judy Pollard, Jean Schram, Lisa Sutton, Paul Thelen

**EXCUSED:** Eric Contreras, Chuck Hornung, Harry Schneider

(Following the introductory comments about the Strategic Plan by Mike Vander Sanden, the commissions broke out to work on their individual plan.)

The group looked at and discussed the four (4) categories.

* **Evangelization:**
  + Ideas that were brought forth include:
    - Establish small groups to discuss the Sunday readings.
    - Publish/make known where to find the readings for the Sunday mass, including, but not limited to, the USCCB, publications such as “The Word Among Us”, “Give Us This Day”, “The Magnificat”.
      * Making this information available shouldn’t be limited to electronic information, such as the website or Facebook page, as there are some who do not have access to that or are not comfortable using those sources.
  + How do we get people excited about evangelization?
    - The choirs are a good place to start getting people inspired.
    - Talking-planting the seed.
  + Publish mass times and locations in various media, not just on line. (The Action Advertiser had been a good way to get information out, but that is no longer in print.)
  + Holy Family being present in the community is very important.
    - Living Nativity
    - Oktoberfest
    - The Mass at Walleye Weekend
    - Gatherings that are not just money makers.
  + Be welcoming.
    - A “Welcome Wagon” approach.
    - When a new family registers with the parish, it shouldn’t be used to “recruit” but to inform, etc.
    - One parish has “head hunters”: people who make a point to greet new faces.
    - Donut socials:
      * Always the excuse of the cost.
        + Recruit “bakers”
        + Work on finding volunteers, such as young people needing service hours.
        + Start with 1 time per month.
        + Look at having different groups in charge for different months.
        + VERY important to hold at ALL sites.
  + Begin and end every meeting with prayer.
* **Study:**
  + Retreats
    - Varying length, distance
  + Missions:
    - Advent and Lent can be very busy times, and it may be overwhelming for some.
      * Do what works for the individual, and not make people fee guilty about not being able to participate in everything that is offered.
    - Offer more opportunities for evening times of prayer.
  + Publish, in various ways, times and opportunities for different types of prayer.
  + Find more ways for the Parochial and Public-school students to interact.
  + To get the students more involved in the parish it will be necessary to get the parents there first!
* **Prayer:**
  + There are a lot of opportunities for traditional Catholic prayer.
    - We need to think about other types of prayer opportunities.
  + Since the Hispanic community within Holy Family is growing, we need to find ways for the Hispanic and Anglo communities to develop a closer working relationship.
    - Look at replacing the “Gather” hymnals with the most recent addition. It contains more bilingual songs.
    - There are some celebrations that are particular to the Hispanic community. We should make an effort to invite the Anglos to participate.
    - Part of our Strategic Plan needs to be figuring out a way to make this relationship grow during the next five (5) years.
  + The Tenebrae service was a great success. The plan is to make it an annual event.
  + From September 1 through October 4, the Season of Creation offers an opportunity to reach out to the community and also to focus on our responsibility as Catholics and Christians toward the environment.
    - With other Commissions
  + During Lent, especially the month of March, educate the congregation on “St. Joseph’s Table”, and emphasize feeding those in our community who may go hungry.
    - With other Commissions
  + Explore the Saints and the richness of our faith.
  + There is a feeling that there is a general lack of knowledge about the Mass.
    - Have the priests breakdown the parts, perhaps as a part of Lenten talks such as we had during Lent, 2022.
  + Continue to recognize the Patron Feast days of our sites.
  + Continue to develop things that are outside the “normal”, like the Living Nativity.
* **Generosity:**
  + Generosity is more than dollars and cents.
    - Volunteer opportunities.
      * Encourage new ways.
  + Instill the “generosity habit.”
    - Giving from the heart-because you want to, not because you have to!
    - Remember: we are just giving back to God a portion of what he gave us!
  + In the fall, Time, Talent, Treasure commitment.

Respectfully submitted,

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