

Q Group Meeting August 13, 2018 (5:45-7:45 pm, Room 101)

- In attendance: Deacon Christian Cone-Lombarte, Tate Hilgefot, Kevin Cartter, Bradley Barnes, Tiffany Strah, Katie Durstock, Mary Ann Ey
- Opened with prayer
- Pillar Results from Strategic Pillar # 1: Help Practicing Catholics Become Better Catholics
 - Pillar group presented by Christian and Tate
 - Strengths:
 - Dependable and substantial core groups, esp. at daily Mass as well as groups such as fathers team, etc.
 - Faith formation opportunities such as soup and speaker series and Bible studies are well-received among attendees
 - Availability of Eucharistic Adoration
 - Weaknesses:
 - Understanding the meaning/gravity of the Mass and the various Sacraments
 - Little representation from young families (notably among school families)
 - This is across all efforts
 - Involving new parishioners
 - Ability to bring people into existing groups
 - Encouragement and teaching of prayer

- Individuality of groups and efforts in the parish and school
- **Suggestions for this area:**
 - Providing greater opportunities
 - Young family groups organized for Formed/Bible Studies; perhaps meeting at houses
 - Focus on existing prayer opportunities—inviting in to Adoration
 - Extending Adoration opportunities: during Confession?
 - Yearly retreat
 - Focus on material that is available (e.g. through Formed), even by a simple "spotlight" on particular content, etc.
 - For service: drawing people in to existing structures (next point)
 - Unification and coordination of different parish groups and activities
 - Established, staff-organized and advertised structure for adult faith formation events
 - A leadership position (possibly staff) which is aware of and actively connecting different groups, events, and volunteering opportunities
 - Focus on connecting people into heavily active groups such as St. Vincent de Paul
 - Encouraging a sense of community/cooperation between groups generally
 - Renewal of CCD/sacramental prep. programs for children

- Availability of adult religious ed. or talks during this time (esp. with sacramental prep.)
- Possibility of Good Shepherd program
- **Discussion from extended committee**
 - Question asked about creating welcome basket for new parishioners, it is brought up that we have a welcome ministry/packet
 - Need for more development of welcoming at very initial stages, even a need for a team
 - Idea for partnering with families that can welcome new families that have just begun coming to Mass
 - The way that groups, events and PSO's are labeled have bearing on which demographics feel like they can get involved
 - Many young professionals are overcommitted and may not be able to commit to welcoming team, but we still need the representation
 - Operating against a diversity of parish staff that reflects diversity of our area
 - Divide between school and non-school families mentioned
 - Members of the group shared ways that other parishes are including non-school families for sacramental prep and other activities
 - Issue with the timing of weekly CCD (and discussion of summer vs. school year)
 - Discussion of structure of PSO's and PPC in general
 - Limitations of term limits
- No new reports from other small groups

- Pillars 2 & 3 will both be presenting in October, if possible
- For the next meeting: All members have been asked to bring an outline of what they would like to draw out from the survey results.
- Kevin has agreed to begin compiling the information we have collected so far in our findings to begin outlining our report for PPC
- We will not be having another public input session due to low response, lack of need
- Future Meetings Schedule:
 - October 8
 - December 10
 - February 11
 - April 8
- Closed with prayer, adjourned