

# St. Joseph & St. John CPC Team Announcement



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## **CPC TEAM REVIEWS CLUSTERING PROCESS**

The CPC Team meeting, March 11<sup>th</sup>, prior to receiving the Bishop's final directive (expected Sunday March 15) on the Clustering process for our two parishes, reviewed clustering progress since November 2008. The following were noted by the CPC Team:

- A. Outreach to Inactive-Catholics and the Un-churched.** Parishioners from both parishes met with representative of the Diocesan Office of Evangelization, and have presented to both parishes their desire to move forward. A team made up of parishioners from both parishes will form a team to plan, and then present an outreach program to inactive-Catholics.
- B. Evaluating Welcome and Registration Process.** This first step, beginning with St. Joseph's parish, resulted in a change in registration of new parishioners. The change is expected to enhance the welcoming, and evangelizing nature of our parishes. Parishioner's suggestions is appreciated.
- C. Making our Catholic Church more visible.** More thought and action is needed in this area. However, St. John by virtue of a complete revision to the Social Concerns Commission has initiated many new ideas on reaching out to the community of Strongsville and beyond. There are opportunities for both parishes to work together in areas of Social Justice, Service and Outreach, and Family Services.

The CPC Team acknowledged that the Bishop will be contacting all parishes this coming Sunday, and that many parishes will experience disappointment anguish and hurts. We offer now our prayers in solidarity of the Church.

Moving forward, the CPC Team suggested some issues, raised in our report to the Bishop anticipating future issues that should be considered by both Parish and Financial Councils.:

- A. Parishes need to evaluate strength of Lay Leadership.** Involvement in the Church is a duty and role of all baptized. Several new committees were proposed to continue the action plans need to accomplish various goals. Plus, we anticipate lay leaders taking on more responsibilities of what the clergy had been doing.
- B. We suggest councils identify three areas where people need to be mentored in spiritual leadership.** Thus, improving the quantity and quality of personal leadership in evangelization, outreach services, and sharing the gospel.
- C. Continue attention toward evangelization and social outreach.** Significant movement has been made within both parishes. CPC Team encourages continued efforts with both parishes working together in these areas.

The CPC Team is sensitive to open communications with our parishioners. We wish to hear from you the parishioner with your ideas, suggestions, and thoughts. Please feel free to contact any member of the CPC Team.

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