

# *St. Joseph- St. John Ministry Encounter* *Report to the CPC*

Use extra sheets if necessary

Ministry Name(s): St. Joseph Men's Group and St. John Men's Ministry

Encounter Date: March 29, 2008

Length of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities Noted:

Fr. Kraig briefly explained that the St. John's group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. They only meet September through November and then again February through April. He leads the discussion using a resource book. In addition they hold a "Business Breakfast" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month. It involves a continental breakfast which is followed by brief reflection, personal witness, some scripture readings, and group discussion, petitions and a final blessing

At St. Joe we have about 20 men who meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month. We are members of the National Association of Catholic Men's Fellowship and the Northeast Ohio Chapter. We are currently using a 50 lesson guide book provided by the organization called "Signposts". We have completed about 28 lessons. We did not discuss our format. Our format is very similar to St. John's business breakfast. The primary difference is we begin with a Mass or a Communion Service

We agreed that no real combination opportunities currently existed other than to communicate to our memberships the opportunities available at the other parish. I have begun listing the St John's Thursday evening sessions in our monthly Men's group handouts and will announce them at each meeting when they are in session. I need to find out more about the Business Breakfast schedule so I can provide the information to our men. How can we let the whole parish know of St. John's ministries?

### Specific Challenges to Collaboration:

I am sure there will be a number of ministries, such as ours, where the primary collaboration is to communicate the other parish's opportunities. I believe the CPC has to focus on the most effective way to accomplish communicating this information and invitation to participate to both

parishes. We do not have a Business breakfast. There may be men in our parish who are not part of our men's group, but who might want to attend a St. John's breakfast. What is the best way to reach them? Do we use the bulletins and website to list the ministry activities available at the other parish for the coming week?

Suggestions to the CPC:

**RETURN TO: Your Contact person:**

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!*