

St. Andrew Catholic Church
Strategic Implementation Process
October 29, 2006

REPORT

Purpose of the meeting: 1) To discuss the Mission Statement in the light of suggested changes. 2) To reflect on what the Church says about the Church's mission and how that sheds light on the parish Mission Statement. 3) To condense the 8 Challenges identified as top priorities into no more than 5 Goal Areas

MISSION STATEMENT

Results of discussions in small groups – Suggested changes

- * Begin with: As Catholics, united . . .
- * United in our belief in Jesus Christ and his call to love through charity and justice, we are dedicated to live out the Gospel through celebration of sacraments, education and evangelization.
- * As members of the Roman Catholic Church we are united in our belief in Jesus Christ . . .
- * United in Catholicism and Christ's call to love and serve . . .
- * United in our Catholic belief in Jesus Christ and His call to love and serve, we are dedicated to live out His word through the celebration of the sacraments, and education of family and evangelization.
- * As members of the Catholic Church in union with Rome, united in our belief in Jesus Christ and His call to love and serve, we are dedicated to live out his word through the celebration of the sacraments, education and evangelization.
- * Our Parish Family is united in our Discipleship to Jesus Christ and His call to love and serve. We are dedicated to faith formation and celebration of the sacraments.
- * Two changes: after "His word" add *through involvement and* education of family, evangelization, and celebration of the sacraments.
- * 1) Strike the phrase "of family" 2) Should be titled St. Andrew Catholic Church Mission Statement
- * United as Roman Catholics, we are dedicated to live out His Word; We (some action verb here) social justice, we evangelize, we act as good stewards, and we celebrate the sacraments.

Large Group discussion of the input from Small Groups

- 1) Overwhelming consensus to add the word "Catholic" to the Mission Statement.
- 2) Other concepts considered to add:
Discipleship, Parish family, involvement, social justice

Suggested Mission Statement:

St. Andrew Catholic Church Mission Statement

As Catholics, united in our belief in Jesus Christ and His call to love and serve in charity and justice, the Saint Andrew Parish Family is dedicated to live out His word through celebration of the sacraments, education, and evangelization.

A consensus of all but one member present approves presenting this Mission Statement to the parish for approval. The point of dissent is omitting the words “charity and justice.”

DISCUSSION OF MISSION STATEMENT IN LIGHT OF CATHOLIC CHURCH DOCUMENTS

Discussion of the Mission Statement took so long that participants were invited to reflect on the 5 selections from authoritative Church documents at home.

REDUCING THE 8 CHALLENGES TO 4 – 5 GOAL AREAS

In order to focus the implementation efforts these Goal Areas were selected:

- * Welcome/hospitality/belonging/commitment
- * Organization/Master Plan
- * Youth Director/Fun
- * Sacramental Life

These Goal Areas were approved by a consensus of the group.

EVALUATIONS

33 evaluations were returned. The average of all the ratings was 7

- People liked best about the process was the exchange of ideas made possible by small groups.
- People liked least about the process was meeting on Sunday and the Mission Statement conversation took too long
- One thing to change: use the microphone, it was hard to hear, too noisy, too cold
- Suggestions: Get more people involved, Margarita bar, finger sandwiches ☺, pray

A complete transcription of the evaluations is available on the supplies table.