



DISCIPLES IN MISSION ANNUAL REPORT
HOLY FAMILY PARISH
CALEDONIA, MICHIGAN
YEAR III—2010/2011

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Our third year report bears the fruit of the Holy Spirit. We had a dedicated team of individuals, and we have compiled our learning for the three-year process. We look forward to furthering our parish mission in future years by transitioning the annual events to the Pastoral Council this coming year.

Conclusions and Recommendations by the Parish Leadership Team

1. Continued feedback demonstrates a positive experience for our Parishioners who participate
2. Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders have begun to migrate from their individual goals/objectives to the goals/objectives that are brought to us by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
3. Need to improve communication with the Parish and ministries to move our Parish toward achieving Christ's great command (mt 28:19-20)
4. Second annual Ministry Planning meeting well attended; recommendation that this continue as an annual meeting – Outcome allows ministries to interact and select their individual strategies and/or partner with each other to meet the goals and objectives in the fiscal year.

For the Future

The six primary planning activities of the Pastoral Council will be:

- A. Fall Retreat open to all parishioners
- B. Advent Small Faith-Sharing Groups
- C. Lenten Small Faith-Sharing Groups
- D. Annual Parish Reflection Day on the goals and objectives
- E. Annual Ministry Planning Day to select actions/strategies that will achieve the goals and selected objectives; and
- F. Annual Pentecost Novena

With your prayers, support and participation, **we can** "Go forth and make disciples!" If you have any questions please talk with a member of the Disciples in Mission team* or Pastoral Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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PARISH REFLECTION DAY MAY 7, 2011—EVALUATION

This is a synopsis of the Parish Reflection Day Evaluations.

Do you have a clearer understanding of Catholic Evangelization?

Yes = 28

No = 1

Unsure=1

- It was well illustrated by Father Mark.
- I realize that I must commit to an even greater participation.
- While fewer attendees this year, the discussion was thoughtful.
- Lots of support is needed to help Catholics have the courage and knowledge to do so.

Are you better able to see how our parish's current ministries and programs are carrying on the evangelizing mission of Jesus Christ?

Yes = 21

No = 2

Unsure = 6

Somewhat = 1

- Can see a positive impact with our youth
- I would like to have an annual day of "State of the Ministries"
- Wish we had more time to review, didn't really talk about it.
- Need more parishioner involvement. How to get that is a challenge.

Are you better able to identify new ministries/programs, not currently available, through which we could better achieve our parish's full evangelizing potential?

Yes = 22

No = 1

Unsure = 6

Somewhat = 1

- I know we are missing something
- I think we need to have more information
- Need more involvement of parish members and a more active parish

What is your overall evaluation of the Parish Reflection Day?

Excellent = 10

Very Good = 17

Good = 3

- Good to come together and brainstorm. Wish we could talk a bit about the objectives as a larger group, what they mean, before we voted—that process felt rushed.
- We need to explore more ways to enhance, resurrect or invite new.
- How do we get more people to come?

The most valuable part of the Parish Reflection Day for me

- Discussing the objectives with others.
- Hearing the similarity of our goals.
- Figuring out what we need to do to increase Catholic faith in others
- Discussion and getting to know some new parishioners
- Thinking of what I can do
- The expanding of the vision for Holy Family
- Father Mark's passion and involvement/reminder of Christ's "dying wish"

The least valuable part of the Parish Reflection Day for me

- It is hard to commit to a Saturday in the spring
- Nothing—all was valuable
- I felt the small group instructions were too vague=process felt rushed
- Not very many attended

THREE GOALS AND PARISH OBJECTIVES

GOAL I: To bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others.

Parish selected year I Objectives:

1. To foster a renewed understanding of the faith among Catholics.
2. To foster an appreciation of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and all the sacraments, the sacred signs of our Catholic life.

GOAL II: To invite all people in the United States, whatever their social or cultural background, to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ so they may come to join us in the fullness of the Catholic Faith.

Parish selected year II objectives:

1. To help every Catholic feel comfortable about sharing his/her faith and inviting people to discover Christ in our Catholic family of believers.
2. To make every Catholic institution, especially our Parish, more welcoming.
3. To effectively welcome back those who have left the church.

GOAL III: To foster gospel values in our society, promoting the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, and the common good of our society, so that our nation may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ.

Parish selected year III Objectives:

1. To foster the importance of the family.
2. To encourage Catholic witness in the arts and intellectual community.