

Community Forum Solutions:

Rock Cycle being present /available at Masses for help
Generate and all-parish communication list for information that needs to be communicated

D-3 How can we improve St. Peter’s web page? (Too fragmented.)

Strategic Solutions:

Create a web page management team to update and manage all needs and information posted on the web page in a timely fashion (Volunteer or Paid)

Post the various parish ministries and contact information on the web page

Define the needs of the parish web page to determine how best to proceed with recommendations

Community Forum Solutions:

Advertise website, bigger size in bulletin

Regarding the bulletin, prevent duplication of the same article, e.g. readings, on the website

Publish a calendar on the website that includes everything going on in the parish

Look at other parishes websites, pick out what we like about them and get a web developer to implement

Form a committee of volunteers to improve our web page

Web page should have more links, e.g. Archdiocese, school, www.catholic.com, etc

D-4 How can we establish a buddy system between old and new members, younger and older parishioners, church and school, inter-ministries, etc.?

Strategic Solutions:

Form a Welcoming Committee that office staff will notify of newly registered parish members

Create a list of questions to review with new parishioners

Upon registration, distribute envelopes, welcoming packet of information, ministry pamphlets and a short questionnaire that notes their interests, talents, etc

Have a Welcoming Committee member contact the new parishioner to review the questionnaire

Work closely with the current Welcoming Committee (Note: St. Peter’s has a Welcoming Committee that has a reception twice a year.)

Community Forum Solutions:

Improve follow-up with new parishioners

Develop Welcoming Committee (Buddy) with different groups. Parish office will advise of new parishioners and match with a Buddy who would then offer to meet for coffee, etc

Just do it!!!

Mentoring program

Allow parishioners to visit before and after Mass

Conduct parenting classes

D-5 How can we get to know our fellow parishioners at all Masses, services and functions?

Strategic Solutions:

At the beginning of Mass, after the Cantor greets the parishioners, have them invite us all to meet and greet the people around

us. (Or at the Sign of Peace)

Offer a children’s social after Masses that includes an interactive activity for children and parents; develop Mother-Daughter, Father-Son themed activities

Form a welcoming committee that organizes greeters to be stationed at all Church doors at all Masses and other events; “social Sundays,” bake sales, etc.

Parish organized outings

Rename “Social Sundays”

Use name tags and introduce people at all functions

Create an after–Mass activity for seniors that would provide an opportunity to identify any needs they may have

Community Forum Solutions:

Name the Eucharistic Ministers for this week’s Mass; wear name tags

By becoming an Acute Care Minister giving Communion to Catholics at Condell Medical Center or Vista or in homes

Facilitate more opportunities for introductions

Have ministers introduce themselves; celebrant, deacon, servers, lectors, cantor

Try something creative to get parishioners to introduce themselves, e.g. “all parishioners dressed in blue, turn around and introduce yourself.”

Turn around and say hello, use name tags and ask parishioners to vary where they sit

Have parishioners wear name tags

Before Mass, have an announcement asking parishioners to introduce themselves to those sitting around them

Introduce ourselves sometime during the service

Have a “needs list” provided to new parishioners in packet

Introduce guests of parishioners; at the Sign of Peace, introduce yourself to everyone you greet

Have potluck suppers after the 5:30 Mass every quarter

Prepare a parish phone directory

New parishioner Welcome Committee

Parish outing to a ball game

D-6 How do we improve the relationship between church and school and their functions?

Strategic Solutions:

Support each others fund raising events

Volunteer for projects and improvements

Help Welcoming Committees from Church and School work together to establish a Buddy program

Have Parish information shared in the school newsletter and vice versa; have the school keep parishioners informed through the bulletin and web page

Community Forum Solutions:

Ask school to invite more parishioners to their programs

Start a program where 6th, 7th and 8th graders can be cantors and lectors at Mass