

## Long-Range Advancement Plan

In December 2006 the Rock Cycle embarked on a grass-roots effort to rejuvenate and invigorate the parish community. Starting in May 2007, a group of approximately 30 parishioners held a series of organizational meetings; hosted 9 parishioner Input Sessions that focused on the parish's strengths, weaknesses and areas needing improvement. The 250 responses were reviewed, discussed, consolidated and prioritized. In August, 2007, the Planning Team, a group of 48 parishioners, developed action plans to address the areas where we might have the greatest impact. The following six teams were established.

**Planning Area "A": Liturgy & Worship**

**Planning Area "B": Parish-Wide Education**

**Planning Area "C": Youth & Family Life**

**Planning Area "D": Communication Administration & Finance**

**Planning Area "E": Stewardship & Outreach**

**Planning Area "F": Facilities & Grounds**

In each of these areas, the Planning Teams identified challenges and developed potential solutions; identified below as "Strategic Solutions".

In April 2008, the first Parish Community Forum was held. The more than 100 parishioners who attended were asked to add their own solutions to overcome these same challenges; identified below as "Community Forum Solutions".

The results of these last two years of work have been compiled into the Parish's Long Range Advancement Plan (LRAP) and have been provided for your review below.

In September, the parish staff began reviewing the LRAP and have assigned members of the staff to each of the Planning Areas.

At the next Community Forum (date TBD), membership on the Implementation Teams will be finalized and execution of the approved action plans will begin.

*Respecting the wisdom and understanding the plans of many who have built this parish in the past, the Rock Cycle is a parishioner driven, continuous improvement change process welcoming the active support and participation of the pastoral staff, parish ministries, school and representatives of all aspects of parish life. Through the 7 "I" process the Rock Cycle seeks to drive Catholic development through the meaningful involvement of an ever-expanding community of parishioners utilizing **your** gifts and talents to achieve **your** mission and vision for St. Peter Parish.*

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Spring, 2008

### IMPLEMENTATION TEAM "A" LITURGY AND WORSHIP

#### Purpose Statement

*The purpose of the Liturgy and Worship Planning Team is to create a plan that will invite all parishioners to be actively involved, to be inspired, to faith-filled actions; and to reinforce and promote the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Catholic faith, through liturgies which are reverent, prayerful and invite participation in a praising and joyful environment.*

#### Challenges

A-1 How can we continually reinforce the significance of the Eucharist as the foundation, center and ultimate expression of our Catholic faith?

#### Strategic Solutions:

Incorporate the critical aspects of the Eucharist and our Catholic faith in the homily, readings and music.

Provide classes teaching, "How to get more out of Mass."

Develop a worship aid for weekend Mass to make it easier to follow

Form a parishioner led Worship and Liturgy Committee

#### Community Forum Solutions:

Regular/occasional instruction (i.e., homily) of importance of Eucharist and Consecration

Child-free Zone in Church

Make ringing of the bells mandatory at the Consecration

Require training for current ministers of care

See people at church more reverent; no food or drink if over 2 years old

Develop a workshop for Catholics about why we do what we do, e.g., Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, Novenas, etc.

A-2 How can we provide more opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration?

#### Strategic Solutions:

Begin planning for a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Start a Eucharistic Adoration campaign by "Ask Me" (about Eucharistic Adoration) and asking priests to talk about Eucharistic Adoration

Add a prayer to the petitions for an increase in the participation of Eucharistic Adoration

Begin Holy Thursday vigil in 2009

Use Parish web-site for Eucharistic Adoration signups.

#### Community Forum Solutions:

Better explanation of Eucharistic Adoration

Find a place for Eucharistic Adoration without steps for older parishioners

Adoration, in Church basement, to provide quieter setting

Explanation of Adoration and graces received at Mass

Provide information/education re Eucharistic Adoration

Move site to location more convenient for older people