

Guiding Document from the Parish Town Hall Meeting 2009

From the May 2009 Parish Town Hall, while there are many aspects of the meeting worthy of discussion, the following are suggestions made by parishioners as most relevant to future planning.

TOPIC 1: WORSHIP (CELEBRATION)

Need: "We need more greeting of new people." "Preaching is not available for more ears to hear" "Putting homilies online." "Have choirs switch services once in a while." Improve music ministry. How do engage Newman community to welcome visitors?

Vision: Welcoming hospitable community; Beautiful Music; Fantastic Preaching

Priorities: 1. Music 2. Hospitality

Benchmarks:

TOPIC 2: FAITH FORMATION (CATECHESIS)

Need: "We need to bring in more guest lecturers to assist students to bring their faith into adulthood." "More religious education." "More outside speakers." How do engage University community with topic that is of interest to Newman community as well?

Vision: Appropriating the Faith. Forming the Christian Conscience. Engaging Academia.

Priorities: 1. Invite an academic Speaker for the Aquinas Lecture for January 2019. 2. Initiate the Thomistic Club

Benchmarks:

Suggestions of topics for lecture.

Suggestions of possible speakers.

TOPIC 3: SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Need: "Get involved with campus wide service projects that are already in place." "We can improve by addressing more social justice issues, [invite] speakers to that end." "More ways to sign up for a food bank visit, etc."

Vision: Educating for Justice: think globally act locally.

Priorities: Helping the homeless in Eugene/Springfield

Benchmarks:

TOPIC 4: STEWARDSHIP

Need: More involvement from students and parishioners in sharing their charisms, time, talent, and treasures

Vision: Develop a stewardship versus a volunteer attitude in students and parishioners.

Priorities: 1. Develop council sustainability. 2. Review Energy Audit done at Newman.

Benchmarks:

TOPIC 5: EVANGELIZATION

Need: "We don't have enough outreach to students on campus." "We need some way of getting residence hall and Greek house students here." "People are looking for other ways to share faith." "Would like to get in touch with LCC and NCU, plus Marist, not just UO."

Vision:

Priorities: 1. Equip Student Activities Leadership Team (SALT) and FOCUS missionaries to better reach out to students on campus.

Benchmarks:

TOPIC 6: (ACADEMIC) COMMUNITY

Need: “not enough involvement with older parishioners” “Need more community cohesiveness between students and community.” “More communication between students and permanent community members.” “PM’s should make announcements at other masses.” “Ways to make connections between students and permanent community members on individual basis”

Vision: Forming the Faith Community

Priorities: 1. Hold event early in the academic year, such as BBQ for whole community.

Benchmarks:

TOPIC 7: VOCATIONS

Need: “We need to bring in more guest lecturers to assist students to bring their faith into adulthood.” Ways to help students discern calling to married life and religious life. How to find soulmate without losing your soul.

Vision: Facilitating Personal Development. Developing Leaders for the Future.

Priorities:

Benchmarks: