

Pastoral Planning Process 2010

Over the course of the summer we will be carrying out a process to put into writing a Pastoral Plan for St. John's and St. Patrick's Parishes. The Plan in which all of the parishioners will be invited to participate will become the foundational working document for the new Pastoral Council.

The Process looks at the Parish and asks us to identify our

- **Mission and Principles-** Why do we exist?
- **Vision** – What would we like to look like?
- **Goals-** What parts of the vision will take more than one year to achieve? (eg. being debt free)
- **Areas of Focus-** What areas need most immediate attention?
- **Projects-** What things would we like to accomplish in the next year?

During June

- All parishioners will be invited to write their ideas on the papers on the walls in the commons/foyer of the Church.
- We will complete the process of gathering nominations from both parishes for Pastoral Council

During July

- We will publish the compiled results of the surveys on the wall
- Invite all those nominated to participate in a discernment process outlined in the new "Called to Serve" (Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils)
- If at the end of the discernment, we feel we have a workable group, they will be the Pastoral Council.
- If at the end of the discernment process, the group feels it is too big, we will hold elections to limit the number of members on the council.
- By lots, the council will be divided into thirds so that each year 2/3 remain one third is replaced

During August

- We will take a break

During September

- The Council will convene for its first meeting to begin the work of tracking the **Projects**, in the various **Areas of Focus**, to accomplish the **Goals** that will help to make the **Vision** a reality so that we can carry out our **Mission** in accord with the **Principles**, that you the people of the Parishes have articulated.
- **All regular meetings will be open to the public**, and not only minutes but the complete updated statement of
 - Purpose and Principles
 - Vision
 - Goals
 - Areas of Focus
 - Projects
 - Actions taken and next action to be taken on each project

Will be available on the website as well as on the bulletin board in the commons
There will be forms always available for any group or person who would like to present an idea for a new project, or draw our attention to a new area of focus.