

St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish Parish Evaluation Inventory Summary Worksheet

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FOCUS AREAS

Describe, in each category, the area(s) that the parish will focus on during the coming five years, based on the Patterns and Trends that have emerged. One Focus Area will have been identified as the Final Recommendations in each of the three areas, Sacramental, Strategic and Sustainable.

SACRAMENTAL Nature of Parish Focus Area

As a community, we need to strengthen our understanding of the gift of sacramentality which is essential to the essence of the Catholic Church:

- We need to deepen our understanding that God's self is revealed in every moment of history, in current events and in the market place: that both "sacred" and "secular" are God-filled.
- We also need to further enhance our understanding and our experience of the celebration of the seven sacraments and their relationship to the peak moments of our life cycle.

STRATEGIC Nature of Parish Focus Area

As a community, of which Oakland University is a key component, we need to recognize and engage in the energizing tension which exists between our diversity, expressed in the varied background of the community members and in the multiple ministries, and the need to maintain the unity of our community. As Paul reminds us: "Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it" (I Cor. 12:27).

This challenges us to a constant dialogue and a communal discernment so that each one of us and we as a community may continue the ongoing process of conversion (i.e. the process of dying to become and to grow).

SUSTAINABLE Nature of Parish Focus Area

As a community, with significant participation in and number of outreach activities, we recognize the need to increase the number of people committed to a sharing of time, talents and treasure. As a community, we have been given a lot; much is expected from us, individually and as a community.

We recognize that this commitment to Stewardship takes different forms at different moments of our life, but all of us are called to the same sharing of time, talents and treasure.

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SCENARIOS/ACTION PLANS
With Commission Designation for Lead Responsibility

Develop scenarios, or possible ways that the parish could respond in the coming five years to the focus areas that have emerged in each of the categories.

SACRAMENTAL Nature of Parish Focus Area:

1. **SA1** - The Pastoral Team will systematically emphasize the reality of sacramentality and the seven sacraments in their sharing of the scripture reflections. **(Pastor with the Pastoral Team)**
2. **SA2** - The Pastoral Team along with the members of the Worship Commission will study how we presently prepare and celebrate the sacraments and will look for ways to enhance both the understanding and the celebration of these sacraments. **(Faith Formation/Education Commission with the Worship Commission)**
3. **SA3** - We will use the liturgical year cycle (Advent, Lent, etc.) and the Parish Week of Renewal (2006) to help the community in their understanding of the meaning of sacramentality and the sacraments. **(Worship Commission with the Faith Formation/Education Commission)**

STRATEGIC Nature of Parish Focus Area:

1. **ST1** - The PT, PLC and Commission members need to further strengthen the communication process which will ensure both a sense of priorities, including the Oakland University Campus ministry, as well as the further integration of all activities. **(Pastor with the Pastoral Team)**
2. **ST2** - Specific activities should be directed at further creating an atmosphere of dialogue, where community members can appreciate and celebrate their differences and at the same time feel free to express their points of view and remain open to other perspectives. **(Pastor with the Pastoral Team)**

SUSTAINABLE Nature of Parish Focus Area:

1. **SU1** - Initiate and complete a more extensive demographic study of our present situation in regards to Stewardship. **(Development/Stewardship Commission)**
2. **SU2** - Find a process which will help individuals to identify and utilize their gifts and charisms. **(Development/Stewardship Commission)**
3. **SU3** - Find way of working with youth, young adults and young families to help them identify different and appropriate forms of commitment to Stewardship that are more in line with their life priorities. **(Campus/Young Adult Commission)**
4. **SU4** - As a community, we need to explore ways we can share what we have and who we are with the rest of the Vicariate. This needs to be done in a spirit of reciprocity with other parishes. **(Evangelization Commission)**