

# FUTURE MISSION UPDATE

## St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

**\*\*UPDATE\*\***  
September 2010

### PARISH PLANNING TEAM SURFACES

#### CHALLENGES, SEEKS SOLUTIONS

In the course of five meetings, the Parish Planning Team (PPT) worked within eight planning areas and developed key challenges in each area. The challenges within each planning area are listed on this insert.

The next step is to gather ideas from ALL parishioners to solve these challenges at the Parish Convocation. The Convocation is taking place on **Tuesday, October 5 @ 7:00 p.m. – registration will begin at 6:15 p.m.**

### Planning Area A: Faith Formation

**Challenge A – 1:** How can we provide opportunities, for differing age groups and knowledge levels, to help parishioners become more engaged in the Mass, in their Catholic Faith, and the Church?

**Challenge A – 2:** How can we educate the parish in the Church teachings and the wisdom behind them, give a clear understanding of the Mass, and the gift of the Catholic Faith so we can be representatives of the Gospel in everyday life?

**Challenge A – 3:** How can we improve the parish's understanding of and implement liturgical music?

**Challenge A – 4:** How can we re-engage Catholics who are struggling with their faith?

### Planning Area B: Outreach

**Challenge B – 1:** How can we raise awareness that social justice is the core of the Gospel to increase participation in social justice ministry and become a more welcoming, serving, prayerful community to all those seeking and in need?

**Challenge B – 2:** How can we identify our talents and gifts within the parish and encourage the sharing of them in our outreach programs?

**Challenge B – 3:** How can we provide opportunities for the youth and young adults of our parish and our community to become involved in the life of the parish, both socially and within ministry?

**Challenge B – 4:** How can we combine our outreach efforts and establish partnerships with other churches in the community?

### Planning Area C: Communications

**Challenge C – 1:** How can we define and develop a functional control group responsible for coordinating a process for parish wide communications?

**Challenge C – 2:** How can we get all communications disseminated in an effective manner that ensures consistency, quality and meets objectives in a timely manner?

### Planning Area D: Stewardship & Development

**Challenge D – 1:** How can we identify, personally invite, and meaningfully involve more people in the life of the parish?

**Challenge D – 2:** How can we establish ongoing processes to effectively gather and inventory time, talent, and treasure of the parish community?

**Challenge D – 3:** How can we acknowledge the efforts of parishioners and show appreciation to all?

Challenge D – 4: How can we develop a year-round process to educate the parish on Total Stewardship and increase their commitment to Prayer, Ministry, and Finance?

### Planning Area E: Future Growth of the School

Challenge E – 1: How can we identify and address the issues that prevent parishioners from sending their children to St. John’s?

Challenge E – 2: How can we maintain and grow enrollment, especially in junior high?

Challenge E – 3: How can we increase involvement/investment in the success of the school from parents, parishioners, and the community?

Challenge E – 4: How can we ensure teachers have modern tools and technology to provide a quality, Catholic education?

Challenge E – 5: How can we expand range of services offered to SJB students/families (e.g. Special needs, enrichment, pre-school, latch-key)?

### Planning Area F: Parish Life

Challenge F – 1: How can we generate enthusiasm in our parish community to attract the uninvolved members and maintain the enthusiasm of those who are involved?

Challenge F – 2: How can we create opportunities for our youth/young adults of the parish?

Challenge F – 3: How can we provide accessible gathering place for Parish Life and to socialize around Mass to create a welcoming, engaging atmosphere?

Challenge F – 4: How can we create the infrastructure to support existing programs and encourage the creation of new ones?

### Planning Area G: Administration & Finance

Challenge G – 1: How can we effectively communicate financial/administrative information to improve parishioner’s trust in administration?

Challenge G – 2: How can we improve the process of developing and maintaining a reasonable and realistic budget?

Challenge G – 3: How can we develop additional financial resources to support and advance the mission of St. John’s Parish?

### Planning Area H: Buildings & Grounds

Challenge H – 1: How can we determine what best meets the current and future needs of the parish – maintaining/upgrading current facilities and/or building new on the land – while developing a Master Plan?

Challenge H – 2: How can we address the immediate facility needs in the short-term while a Master Plan is developed and implemented (ex: handicap accessibility, school security, signage, parish office, obtain/better utilize athletic facilities, etc.)?

**All are invited to attend the  
Parish Convocation!!!**

**Tuesday, October 5**

In order to accommodate a large number of people attending, the Convocation will be held at Harrison High School.

**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

*(Registration to begin @ 6:30 p.m.)*

**Bring your ideas and your vision for the future.  
Everyone is encouraged to attend!**