

# FUTURE MISSION UPDATE

## St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

**\*\*UPDATE\*\***  
October 2010

### PARISH CONVOCATION

#### A HUGE SUCCESS

On Tuesday, October 5, **400 parishioners participated in our Parish Convocation!!!** The Convocation was an opportunity for parishioners to give their opinions and ideas about the future of St. John's Parish. The event was held as part of the long-range planning process taking place at the parish.

A presentation was given on the history of the process and the work of the Parish Planning Team over the past five months. Attendees were then divided into small groups – facilitated by a member of the Future Mission Core Team. The small groups discussed the 28 challenges that surfaced in the planning process, with parishioners offering solutions to the challenges.

To help prioritize the challenges and determine where to start with implementation, all participants picked their top 14 challenges. A vote was then conducted allowing all participants to see the top priorities – based the voting results, the Top 10 Challenges are listed in the next column.

#### NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS

The Final Plan will be presented to the Core Team in early November. In the meantime, the Core Team is beginning to organize the components of implementing the parish long-range advancement plan.

**At the Convocation, numerous parishioners expressed an interest in serving on an Implementation Team**

If you would like to become involved with implementation of the plan, please complete the reverse side of this Update bulletin.

### TOP TEN CHALLENGES

**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? (298 votes)

**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.)? (247 votes)

**Challenge E – 1:** How can we identify and address the issues that prevent parishioners from sending their children to St. John's? (240 votes)

**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? (224 votes)

**Challenge G – 2:** How can we improve the process of developing and maintaining a reasonable and realistic budget? (219 votes)

**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? (207 votes)

**Challenge A – 4:** How can we re-engage Catholics who are struggling with their faith? (204 votes)

**Challenge G – 1:** How can we effectively communicate financial/administrative information to improve parishioner's trust in administration? (202 votes)

**Challenge D – 1:** How can we identify, personally invite, and meaningfully involve more people in the life of the parish? (199 votes)

**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? (Received 196 votes)

**Over for more!**

# Get Involved with Implementation!!!

The next step in the process is to form Implementation Teams that will lead, manage and facilitate the implementation of the long-range plan. This is an exciting and challenging undertaking, which invites the support of all parishioners at St. John's.

If you are interested in helping with implementation, please complete the information below and return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the weekly offertory basket.

## Yes! I am interested in becoming involved with the implementation process at St. John's.

*Please "check" the planning area you are interested in working with:*

- AREA A: Faith Formation
- AREA B: Outreach
- AREA C: Communications
- AREA D: Stewardship & Development
- AREA E: Future Growth of the School
- AREA F: Parish Life
- AREA G: Administration & Finance
- AREA H: Buildings & Grounds

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*Thank you for being a part of the future mission at St. John's!!!*