

To: The Parishioners of Holy Rosary Catholic Church-Milton

Date: May 15, 2010

Your Pastoral Advisory Council together with Fr. Peter and Fr. Jason are about to undertake a Pastoral Planning session. Pastoral planning seeks to create opportunities for all Parishioners to share their hopes and aspirations for the life of the Parish Community by looking together through a **common mission**.

A fundamental part of Pastoral Planning is the Mission Statement.

Upon reviewing the current Mission Statement alongside the evident changes and growth of Holy Rosary Parish, it was determined that our current Mission Statement needs renewal and updated direction.

Every Parishioner is encouraged to participate in the process of discerning our mission:

1) Gathering Inputs:

All Parishioners are encouraged to share their ideas by answering the following questions:

- What makes our Parish unique and special?
- Why do you think the universal Catholic Church exists?
- If Jesus were here today, what words would He give us to direct our future?

We envision having a short, simple and very meaningful Mission Statement, and we would appreciate your keeping this in mind when putting together your responses.

Please use the space provided at the back of this letter. There will be a collection box in the foyer where submissions should be deposited **no later than May 30, 2010**.

2) Development of Mission Statement through series of planning sessions:

A focus team will be convened to review the Parishioners' inputs, and draft the Mission Statement. We are looking for member(s) of our Parish who are experts or professionals in facilitating strategic planning sessions and who would be willing to assist us. Please contact a member of the PAC for more details.

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This parish belongs to us; we thank you in advance for your participation.

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace.
(1 PT 4:10)*

- What makes our Parish unique and special?
Identity: Indicate the identifying elements of the parish- name, location, unique character history.
(Example: We, the faith community of...)

- Why do you think the universal Catholic Church exists?
Purpose: Focuses on core values, beliefs, and the reason for parish existence.
(Example: Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we value...)
Function: Identifies the commitments of the parish. What the parish does in the broadest sense and to whom it is directed.
(Example: We are committed to...)

- If Jesus were here today, what words would He give us to direct our future?
Future: Identify areas of challenge and elements that need strengthening.
(Example: We seek to become...)

The following information is optional; this will help us understand the demographics of our respondents.

Name:

Telephone Number:

Do you wish to be part of the focus group session to determine the final Mission Statement? Yes No

Age Group: < 30 yrs 31~50 yrs >51 yrs Marital Status: _____

Has been a member of Holy Rosary Parish for _____ years.