



St. Monica and Sacred Heart (Parish Family 26) Synthesis – Who Do We Want To Become

The Parish Family Advisory Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the listening sessions, survey, and conversations regarding who we want to become as a parish family. Your input will be used to guide our vision as we move forward.

Based on the responses, we believe that God is calling us to build on our self-identified gift of being welcoming by becoming more inviting to both long term parishioners and newcomers in order to create a sense of belonging. He is also calling us to grow in our relationship and love of Him by developing faith formation, deepening our prayer lives, practicing reverence, and witnessing Jesus in our words and actions. Our vision is to become an authentically Catholic community that is united in Christ and builds strong connections between our campuses. We are called to witness Christ in our lives by living the gospel and by identifying ministries to serve those in our community.

Parishioners identified a wide range of new and existing groups of people we want to focus on in the future. Some of the key groups that we are called to prioritize include our youth, young adults, single adults, married adults, the elderly, young parents, working and single parents, families, those who are marginalized, Chinese international students, newcomers, fallen-away Catholics, and non-Catholics in our parish boundaries.

Numerous ministries were mentioned as areas where we can expand our efforts to fulfill our vision. Some of these ministries might already exist in some capacity, but have potential for growth and development. A few of the top suggestions include transportation services, opportunities for adult faith formation, Catholic book and encyclical groups, childcare, evangelization teams, a welcome committee for new parishioners, focused prayer groups and small groups, social events, apologetics training, a crisis committee for those facing illness and death, an Adoration group, and ministries that provide opportunities for collective prayer. There wasn't a clear consensus on ministries that need to be reconsidered or left behind.

Thank you again for taking the time to attend a listening session and/or complete a survey. Your feedback is extremely valuable and will be utilized by the Parish Family Advisory Council as we develop the future vision of our Parish Family. Thank you!