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## NWMCP Strategic Planning Update February 2024

Now that the Love One Another campaign has wrapped up for our parishes, the staff is transitioning to focus on the strategic planning recommendations developed by the workgroups. At the end of January, the staff met for an afternoon to review the planning outcomes and to discuss what further efforts are needed. Many recommendations have already been completed.

### Education and Outreach Workgroup

- ✓ Expand the number of families served by our SVdP food pantry from 70 to 110 families by opening the pantry on one Saturday per month.
- ✓ Hold three Human Concerns drives per year to benefit Northwest Catholic School.
- ✓ The parish nurse will conduct a survey of parishioners to determine interest in educational, health, and social activities.
- ✓ The parish nurse will run a minimum of one program per month open to all but focusing on people over 55.

### Evangelization & Liturgy Workgroup

- ✓ Hire a dynamic and outgoing person responsible for Evangelization.
- ✓ Invite parishioners to a community-wide book read and small group discussions focused on how to personally invite people to know Jesus.
- ✓ Initiate an Evangelization Committee.
- ✓ Identify a person or agency responsible for communication, marketing, and webmaster functions.
- ✓ Create a single Prayer & Worship Committee, with representation from all three parishes.
- ✓ Provide liturgically consistent Masses among all three parishes.
- ✓ Create a single choir with members from all three parishes that rotates to each church.
- ✓ Provide secretarial support for the Director of Liturgy & Music.

### Facilities & Finance Workgroup

- ✓ Align the phone system at all three parishes to allow for interconnected use.
- ✓ Because of a fully consolidated parish staff, our parishes are seeing efficiencies in ordering of supplies, utilization of common vendors, and multiple parish needs being addressed in the same service call (i.e. one service technician addressing electrical or HVAC needs at multiple locations on the same date).
- ❖ Visioning and gathering information are continuing as we look to the future of our parish community.

### Special Projects Workgroup

- ❖ Members of the Facilities & Finance Workgroup continue to explore the feasibility of a Parish Life Center, and other possible ways to use our land and facilities for the benefit of our communities.

The work continues. The staff, as primary implementors of these recommendations, will be meeting again in March after Fr. Greg returns. Our focus at that time will be to look at the items yet to be completed.

*“Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.” ~ Pope Saint John XXIII*