

PPC Response to 2017 Leadership Day Topics

Worship

The need to start masses on time reflects results of Liturgy Survey. Father Steve acknowledges this and is following up.

There was discussion on the possible need to shorten homilies. This topic was not addressed in the Liturgy Survey, but did generate a few comments. Father Steve believes the length of his homilies is appropriate overall, and pointed out that the Liturgy Survey result indicated most parishioners are comfortable with the length of Masses at Res.

Regarding congestion in the Narthex after Mass, Father Steve suggested that if both he and the Deacon stood on the same side of the area, the traffic flow may improve.

Announcements will continue to be made after Mass, and are an important avenue of communication. This is supported by the Liturgy Survey.

The Survey also supports continuing individual petitions being spoken aloud, even though all may not be easy to hear.

Sound problems within the worship space are being addressed. Music Ministry leaders are making an effort to make their voices more clearly heard at the mic. The Liturgy Committee will be asked to take a look at several issues:

- 1. Educating lectors regarding best ambo mic practices.**
- 2. Determining who is responsible for making sure the sound system is on and working before Masses.**
- 3. Making sure scheduled ministers understand the importance of being on time for the start of Masses.**

With the start of our new Director of Communication, we look forward to improved communication and public awareness of Res.

Diversity

“We accept who you are, where you are, what you are” will be on a banner planned for our church entrance by Peace and Justice. This duplicates what is on the reusable bags we recently provided to the parish.

Peace and Justice is planning to work with the Diocese and Catholic Charities to help a refugee family get settled in our county.

Our Parish picnic this year will have an international focus.

Father Steve disagrees that we are not a diverse parish, as he sees great diversity, which may or may not be visible to the eye: different backgrounds, disabilities, points of view, etc..

Various parish groups are considering ways to attract younger adults and families to our parish.

Ministries

Regarding Ministry Chair needs, Father Steve to put out an email blast seeking volunteers for these leadership roles.

Father Steve does not believe that planned Ministry leadership turnover suits all ministries, but could be considered for some.

All ministries are encouraged to submit a completed information form to be placed in the church bulletin to highlight their work and volunteer needs.