

Referencing the guidelines of a mission-focused parish, and the specific Christ King Parish Mission Statement, answer the following = 7 questions based on the state of your committee right now.

Committee Name: Formation & Discipleship

1. In general, does our committee function in a healthy, transparent, and prayerful way?

Yes, our committee functions in a spirited, enthusiastic and respectful manner. We take seriously our task to be collaborative and transparent conducting our business within a context of prayer.

2. In what ways is the work of our committee advancing a missionary culture at Christ King Parish?

The structure of the committee fosters collaboration between parish groups. We reach out to other parish organizations in an effort to provide a path for all to encounter Christ through the collaborative service of those committees. We attempt to breakdown the "silo" mentality and ownership that can sometimes inhibit the missionary outreach so important to evangelization.

3. In what ways does our committee support the Sunday Mass as the most important moment in the life of the parish?

Our most visible example was our coordination of the formational opportunity on the Synod priority of the Sunday Mass. We collaborated with the Religious Education's Mass to Mission, Youth program and Mom's Group to put together a five-week series in October on the Mass "The Holy Eucharist: What Does It All Mean...?" In Advent, we followed with talks on the "Biblical and Musical Roots of the Mass" for the "Between-the-Masses" speaker series. In addition, many of our members provide witness to the importance of the Mass in their lives by being active liturgical ministers in the parish.

4. In what ways does our committee help ensure that Christ King Parish is invitational and hospitable to newcomers?

We are trying to broaden the parish's sense of being invitational by encouraging committees to work together, sharing resources and making offerings open to a wider audience of interested believers. We also encourage the inclusion of the other two parishes to "Between the Masses, the Auction and large parish events so as to foster a missionary sense of outreach and intergenerational inclusion amongst the faithful.

5. In what specific ways is our committee helping people know Jesus Christ and learn to live as Jesus' disciples?

We are trying to encourage relationships and highlight the expectations associated with being a disciple of Jesus Christ to "live the mission," throughout all spheres of parish life emphasizing the need to learn about the faith, each other and to grow in active participation and evangelization.

6. Keeping in mind the goal of becoming a mission-focused parish, what specifically should our committee be doing more of, and what specifically should our committee be doing less of?

We should be more involved in relationship building and less in programming.

7. In what concrete ways has our committee invited new members to our committee or to another committee?

This is already a constitutive part of our committee function but we need to become structurally intentional.

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