

## Summary of Table Discussions

### St. Malachi Annual Parish Meeting, 4/27/14

#### 1) What has been most worthwhile or lifegiving?

- Good to try something new, opportunity for growth (2)
- Programs have been high quality, enjoyable, and a nice variety, meaningful (9)
- Educational, good to learn about variety of ministries, good things our parish is doing (4)
- Appreciate ability for whole family to attend Mass and for children to go to PSR
- Social gatherings, meals – whole parish together (2)
- Appreciate the efforts to get people to mingle and meet, joint coffee hour, meeting people from a different Mass, opportunity to involve all, form new relationships (7)
- Webcast with Fr. Rohr, outside speakers
- Fr. Tony on deaf ministry (3)
- Especially like the 2 young singers from Malachi Center
- Skype program was very good, cool (2)
- African talks were good
- Metanoia presentation generated opportunities and involvement
- 20's-30's group has potential
- Book Club: being active in reading and discussing, very good (2)
- Style of Lenten programs, not small groups
- Happy that the space between the 2 Masses exists
- Programs that don't require a special trip
- Getting up earlier, finishing earlier
- Like time changes (3)

#### 2) Suggestions or concerns

- Concern that the new Sunday morning scheduling won't be given enough time to let everyone get acclimated to it
- Want the quality of programs and presentations to remain at a high level (2)
- Not sure if there are clear enough goals for the new scheduling
- Can we sustain programming over the long haul?
- Email people to remind them about upcoming activities/presentations
- Advertise the week before, publicize (2)
- Start programs on time
- Continue the Richard Rohr videos
- Have meetings, programs for people who are single
- Have an open forum for the youth group
- Have activities about Catholics living the Gospel – sharing current events and moments in your life, and how you responded, celebrating being Catholic
- Repeat some Sunday programs, and offer during the week...maybe on video
- Also have the Every-day Prophets presentations

- Commission meetings during Sunday morning will provide more opportunity for involvement
- Every other Sunday programming
- Have a monthly parish breakfast
- On off- PSR weeks, have something for youth
- Ask what appeals to parishioners, what do people want (2)
- We need better AV equipment to facilitate media presentations
- Too many things going on between Masses. Limit to 1-2. (6)
- Look at the PSR situation. PSR teachers can't participate in Sunday morning programming. How might PSR be changed? (2)
- Alternate timing of programming
- Limited participation -- due to weather?
- Sunday is a family day (2)
- Do we still need coffee hour after 11:30? (2)
- Hard to make the schedule shift
- Have a single Mass at 10:00 (2)
- Mass times for 8:30, 10:30 or 11 (2)
- Have a Sunday evening Mass, with the focus on youth
- Miss the 12:30 Mass
- How many have we lost with these changes? The 12:30 folks? Fewer at 9 and 11:30. (6)
- Have we gained anyone? (some)
- Difficult and too late in the day and too long to attend all activities (2)
- 11:30 too late and potentially conflicts with other activities, especially if it starts late (10)
- Expedite Liturgy, closing song too long?
- Shorter sermons (2)
- Have readers sit in front
- Is reading of the Bulletin at Mass needed? (i.e., Announcements are redundant of bulletin)
- The physical appearance has deteriorated. Concerns about upkeep and maintenance of facilities. A cleaning ministry? Better custodian? (5)
- Bathroom facilities for "knights of the road" must be addressed and monitored.
- Have service activities, outdoors, and for the hall and the church
- Need an attractive sign with Mass times in front of the Church
- Put up a billboard: take advantage of our "high traffic location"
- Solicit new residents in our local zip code and the growing downtown population of youthful residents
- Bring back Communio
- Concern about homeless people, people can get a little scared

### **3) If you haven't participated, any thoughts to share?**

- People don't come due to family schedules and family time, not that they aren't interested in coming. Suggest focusing on people who are coming, and what programs they want.
- Continue with more of the same
- Better advertisement of programs ahead of time (3)
- Have more involved discussions rather than presentations
- Shift both Masses earlier, but keep time in between