

A DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ST. JEROME PARISH

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PARISH PLANNING TEAM MEETING #1

On January 17, 2008, the first meeting of the Parish Planning Team (PPT) was held at St. Jerome Parish. At this meeting, Ann Lambert Raush from the Institute of School and Parish Development (ISPD), Father Jeanfreau, along with the Core Team, laid the foundation for the Long Range Advancement Plan (LRAP).

What is the overall goal of this process? The goal is to create a dynamic plan (LRAP) for the future of the parish that will meet the needs of present parishioners and future generations.

The PPT is following a step-by-step process that, over the next four months, will produce a draft plan that will be presented to the parish for input. Those steps are as follows:

1. Orientation on the LRAP Planning Process
2. Introduction to the Strategies Workbook
3. Completion of the Case Questionnaire
4. Review of the Parish Mission Statement
5. Completion of a SWOT study of the seven Planning Areas
6. Creation of Purpose Statements for the Planning Areas
7. Formation of Challenges for all Planning Areas
8. Brainstorming of Strategic Solutions for all Challenges
9. Prioritization of Challenges
10. Creation of a rough draft of the LRAP
 - Parish Mission Statement
 - Planning Areas
 - › Purpose Statements
 - › Challenges / Strategic Solutions
11. Presentation of draft to the parish for input
12. Parish Convocation to solve the Challenges
13. Presentation of the final LRAP

PLANNING AREAS

The Core Team developed seven Planning Areas for which the Parish Planning Team will develop Purpose Statements, Challenges and Strategic Solutions. The seven Planning Areas are:

- AREA A: Liturgy and Worship
- AREA B: Outreach and Evangelization
- AREA C: Administration and Finance
- AREA D: Total Stewardship & Development
- AREA E: Education
- AREA F: Family Life and Youth
- AREA G: Multicultural Integration

PARISH PLANNING TEAM MEETING #2

On February 21, 2008, the Core Team conducted its second PPT Meeting. This meeting assigned each participant to a particular Planning Area. The Planning Areas broke into their small groups where they worked on the following:

- Case Questionnaire Discussion
- Clarification of the Planning Area
- Mission Statement Examination
- SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) of the Planning Area

FUTURE PARISH PLANNING TEAM MEETINGS

Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 7:00

Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 7:00

Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 7:00

PARISH CONVOCATION

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!!

Please make plans to attend the Parish Convocation, on Thursday, June 19, 2008, where each parishioner will be given the opportunity to give their input on St. Jerome's Long Range Plan.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

If you would like to offer your perspective at this time, please do so by completing this page and returning it to the parish office by mail, in person or through the Sunday collection. The parish office address is: 2400 33rd Street, Kenner, LA 70065.

Thanks for taking the time to give your best ideas for the future of St. Jerome!

1. Please list the current strengths of our parish.

2. During this process we will continue to remind ourselves that we are working to provide a stronger parish. Please list the current areas that you feel need improvement at St. Jerome.

3. Be creative! If you could snap your fingers, what would you change at St. Jerome today?

Name (optional) _____