

## BUILDING BLOCKS FOR MISSION – *Queen of Angels Parish, Fall 2013*

BUILDING BLOCK	PARISH STRENGTH(S)	PARISH AREA(S) TO IMPROVE
<p><b>Evangelization</b></p> <p><i>Sharing faith and the Gospel with others</i></p>	<p>Liturgy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone works together</li> <li>• Spiritual, well done</li> <li>• Homilies good</li> </ul> <p>Ministries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPRED</li> <li>• Respect Life Committee</li> <li>• School</li> </ul>	<p>More attendance – fill the pews! Connect new parishioners at Mass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome before Mass, intro to those sitting around you, recognize new parishioners or young people by inviting them to stand</li> <li>• Think outside the box!</li> <li>• Recognize newcomers so others can talk to them after Mass</li> </ul> <p>Honor birthdays and other events (e.g. marathon), give blessings after Mass – better channel for notifying? Outreach to youth and young adults</p>
<p><b>Catechesis</b></p> <p><i>“Faith seeking understanding” (St. Thomas Aquinas)</i></p>	<p>Existing Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School and Religious Ed provide catechesis for ages 3-13, integrated into classes</li> <li>• SPRED</li> <li>• RCIA</li> </ul>	<p>More must be done to address those in age gap from 14-30ish (or marriage),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVDP Youth Group and Theology on Tap are good but not enough</li> <li>• Can be like herding cats, but should still try</li> </ul> <p>Real adult ed. with greater participation for Young Adults, use technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer childcare during events</li> <li>• Communication via online apps and videos</li> </ul> <p>Be flexible with programming to accommodate busy schedules</p>
<p><b>Prayer &amp; Worship</b></p> <p><i>Prayer life of the community</i></p>	<p>Liturgies and homilies Corpus Christi Procession</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unity</li> <li>• Evangelization</li> <li>• Tradition</li> </ul>	<p>Communion under both species (Body &amp; Blood) at weekend &amp; weekday Mass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More people would receive Precious Blood if saw others doing it regularly</li> <li>• Gluten-free hosts – already available but not communicated well enough</li> </ul> <p>Access to the church for private prayer</p>
<p><b>Communion</b></p> <p><i>Loving one another by sharing burdens and joys and leading each other to Christ</i></p>	<p>Inclusiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communion recognized not in isolation, but in talking to each other</li> <li>• Seeing every encounter as an opportunity to encourage or discourage Christ (GK Chesterton)</li> </ul> <p>Kids of the parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kind, build community in how they relate to each other and adults</li> <li>• Strong spiritual formation for First Communion and Confirmation</li> </ul>	<p>Reaching out to 2/3 of parents not actively involved in parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still bringing children for baptism and having the kids receive the sacraments at CCD and school, but families not at Mass or in ministries</li> <li>• Chance to meet and talk with them, invite into the communion of the parish</li> </ul> <p>Youth ministry and young adult ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census data says we are becoming a younger parish with more singles</li> </ul> <p>Support/outreach to families with lost/deceased/sick children – can partner with Catholic Charities, revive Elizabeth Ministry</p>

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<p><b>Missionary Spirit</b></p> <p><i>Acting out the Gospel day by day with sincerity and truth in action</i></p>	<p>Existing formation and service opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concrete, spiritual</li> <li>• Strong with external outreach on missionary-minded projects</li> </ul>	<p>Must strengthen internal missionary activity and fraternal charity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing rudeness in the parking lot, gossip in the community – the opposite of missionary spirit</li> <li>• Conversion through catechesis, change mindset to change the behavior</li> <li>• Encourage sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)</li> <li>• Live by “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”</li> <li>• Encouraging discipline and accountability, not policing or judging – individual reactions to behavior will affect the necessary change</li> </ul>
<p><b>Call to Holiness</b></p> <p><i>Doing the will of God through the wholeness of how we live our lives</i></p> <p><i>Not being like the Pharisees, who like a bell make a big noise but have nothing inside</i></p>	<p>Spiritual champions/role models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspiring, are a call to action</li> </ul> <p>Parish ministries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting together to grow in holiness</li> </ul>	<p>Discernment – more talking about spiritual lives with one another</p> <p>Living the Works of Mercy – be a people of action, serve via various groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporal Works of Mercy: meeting basic human needs, feeding, clothing, sheltering</li> <li>• Spiritual Works of Mercy: giving counsel, advice, comfort</li> <li>• Reach out in human response to marginalized, refugees and the undocumented, won’t just ask for help</li> <li>• Provide more counseling for people in transition (Old St. Pat’s Transitions), guide through stressful times</li> <li>• Christian solidarity with the suffering, vulnerability in helping others</li> </ul> <p>Raising awareness of our ministries how they call us to lead holy lives</p>
<p><b>Spiritual Stewardship</b></p> <p><i>Cultivating time and treasure</i></p> <p><i>Being called to share what we have</i></p>	<p>Many gifts, surrounded by talent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So many people with so many gifts</li> <li>• Surrounded by examples every day</li> </ul> <p>Financial stability / little debt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less stress of figuring out how to make ends meet, staying afloat</li> </ul> <p>Circular / easy to get involved with other talent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively involved → more satisfied → meet more people → get them involved</li> <li>• Pool of swimming fish, easy to get involved</li> </ul>	<p>Go further to reach those less involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand the ratio of the 80/20 rule (80% give 20%, 20% give 80%)</li> <li>• Luke 12:48, “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”</li> <li>• Giving different types of treasure/time</li> </ul> <p>Reframe outlook – not only for parish, for furthering the kingdom of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving is not just to Queen of Angels but to God’s kingdom</li> <li>• Not optional – must reform own attitude for the seed to be more fruitful</li> <li>• Investment in relationship with Sharing parish (Maternity BVM), seeing the face of Christ in the poor (St. Vincent de Paul)</li> <li>• Giving out of own need, being selfless and living the Greatest Commandment</li> </ul> <p>Making people more aware of their blessings – building on being grateful for what we have, carry that gratitude into rest of life</p> <p>Cultivate stewardship – gardeners of blessings, not purchasers of spirituality</p>