

Notes from 29 September 2013 PPC and PFC meeting

Goal: To prepare for the RCAB meeting with the Collaborative, discuss the values and attributes of OLOS. What type of pastor would help the Collaborative succeed?

The discussion:

Our Lady of Sorrows' attributes and values can be described as:

- Pastoral and welcoming
 - Toward other faiths and inter-faith families
 - both within the parish and through community-wide activities
 - Toward our growing ethnic diversity
 - Toward those who feel marginalized by the Catholic Church (gays, women, non-Catholics, etc.)
 - The parish's strong and open communications techniques and the transparency of the messages keep parishioners connected and feeling valued
- Hungry for intellectual dialog as well as pastoral guidance to strengthen our faith
 - Priests from universities used as weekend associates
 - Faith Formation Commission committed to the life long process of learning
 - Programs offered for all stages of life and constantly freshened
 - X-generation programs involve and connect the whole parish
- An involved and joyful community
 - We sing! We stick around after Mass! We're active as a community outside of Mass!
 - Music Ministry celebrates both the traditional approach and new styles
 - Pastor embraces music as essential to the liturgy
 - Cantors are volunteer members of the parish
 - Youth Ministry engages our youth through and beyond Confirmation using multiple social, spiritual and service activities for all in the parish to participate
 - 50% of youth continue as Peer Ministers, Youth Commissions members, music ministers, catechists or liturgical ministers after Confirmation
 - Youth Ministry involves over 50 adults in its faith formation and service activities

The pastor for this Collaborative will succeed if he

- Respects the attributes and values detailed above
- Supports multiple approaches to parish life and faith formation
- Openly communicates and collaborates with the staff and parish
- Trusts and leans on the talents of the staff, PPC and PFC