

# A Summary Report of St. Catherine of Siena Parish Forum May 1, 2011

## Thriving and Growing

### A. Introduction

On May 1, 2011 the Pastoral Council sponsored a 90-minute forum for the purposes of:

- (1) sharing the results of the Forum on March 27, 2011 and
- (2) prioritizing mission-compatible programs for the future.

Note: this document presents only the structure of the forum. The PowerPoint presentation is available at [PowerPoint](#) and the reference materials are available at [Possible Programs](#). Please refer to them for the details.

### B. Initial Remarks

Fr Joe welcomed everyone and lead a prayer.

Bev Way, on behalf of the Pastoral Council, welcomed everyone and offered a quote by St. Catherine of Siena, “Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.” She then continued by saying, “The best answer for the parish doesn’t reside in one person or even one leadership group. We need all your voices to help us find the wisdom of the community as we plan the future.”

Mike Redlin, as facilitator, remarked that:

- Parish’s leadership committed to decision-making process based on trust, open discussion and considered decisions
- Parish wide recommendation to Fr Joe
- This forum is different than the last one: no new information, most time is for your work, and start with list of 40 brainstormed ideas provided by 100 parishioners.

### C. The Agenda

1. Brief presentation to set context for the day’s work
2. Parishioner discussion and voting on priorities and passions for programs.

### D. The Work

#### 1. Presentation

- Mike Redlin showed a PowerPoint Presentation (presentation available on website) and answered questions.

#### 2. Discussion and Voting

- First, the parishioners around each table paired up and discussed with their partner, “When looking back on StC in 25 years, which two of the 40 programs, if successfully implemented, would provide you the most spiritual and emotional fulfillment?”
- Next, each pair reported out to the table.
- Finally all parishioners voted (dotted) for the programs twice, first according to the priority for the parish and second for their personal passion. Posters where on the walls so the parishioners could place their dots.
- Mike also announced that those not attending this forum are able to vote by email or letter until May 10.

**E. Closure**

Mike remarked “the parish is having a conversation with itself -- this is your parish; it will turn out the way the parishioners imagine it.”

Mike accepted a round of applause from the parishioners on behalf of the Pastoral Council and Steering Committee.

Fr. Joe remarked about the enthusiasm shown by the parishioner and his willingness to implement a well thought out plan.

The results of the voting and the Steering Committee’s analysis are available at:

[Recommendation Report](#).