

LONG-RANGE PLANNING UPDATE

ST. CLETUS PARISH

October 2007

LONG-RANGE PLANNING ASSESSMENT BRINGS INSIGHT

The process to create St. Cletus's Long-Range Plan has begun as ISPD presented An Assessment at an open parish meeting on August 25th. Over 100 people were in attendance as Stephanie Greenwood reviewed the highlights from the Assessment process, citing areas of strength and areas of opportunity for St. Cletus as we begin to create a vision for our parish's future.

ISPD received input for the Assessment through three main vehicles:

- Δ 23 personal one-on-one interviews
- Δ Questionnaire completed by parish administration
- Δ Review of sample materials and publications from St. Cletus

The Assessment cited several highlights and recommendations for the parish to focus on as we develop our Long-Range Plan.

Areas of Strength

- Δ Welcoming and Warm Community
- Δ Strong Leadership
- Δ Committed and Loyal Volunteers

Areas of Opportunity

- Δ Need for Greater Participation and Engagement
- Δ Continued Re-Establishment of Financial Trust
- Δ Improved Communication
- Δ Growth in Enrollment
- Δ Facility Needs

ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Organize and begin to work with the Parish Pastoral Council

ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS *(continued)*

1. Actively reach out to the Hispanic community through the long-range planning process.
2. Create a plan to provide development in-service and education.
3. Evaluate and improve the process for inviting and involving people.
4. Build a comprehensive development database.
5. Establish an active outreach effort to school feeder sources.
6. Develop and organize a Parent Ambassador Team.
7. Implement the three-phase model for Total Stewardship
8. Communicate!
9. Establish an Office of Stewardship and Development

If you would like to read the Assessment Report in its entirety, it is posted on the parish website: www.stcletusparish.com.

INPUT SESSIONS

In late September, members of the St. Cletus community were randomly selected to participate in one of several Input Sessions. Participants were asked to answer three key questions:

- ✓ **What do you see as St. Cletus' present strengths?**
- ✓ **What are the areas that need improvement?**
- ✓ **As you look to the future, what would you like to see here (vision) at St. Cletus?**

If you did not participate in the Input Sessions and would like to respond to these questions now, you may complete the Input Form on the back of this update. All responses will be compiled and reviewed as part of our planning process.

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: 600 W. 55th Street, La Grange, IL, 60525.

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

1. Please list the current strengths of our parish and school.

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

3. As you look to the future, what would you like to see here (vision) at St. Cletus?

Name (optional) _____