

# **Resurrection Catholic Community Pastoral Plan 2012-2017 Progress Report**

## **Fruit & New Growth**

Let us thank God and celebrate the growth that God has given!



## 1. Evangelization, Discipleship, Stewardship

- A. We will increase our efforts to be a welcoming community.
- i. Growing Our Membership
    - We see many new members (about 200 new households since 2012), especially young families
    - We see more visitors who are excited to be with us.
    - We continue to advertise at local hotels.
  - ii. Welcoming New Members
    - New members receive a letter and phone call from the pastor
    - They are invited to take the Strengths Finder survey to discover their gifts and how they can use them in service to others.
- B. We will invite all our members to deepen their commitment to the mission and needs of the community.
- 190 members have taken the Strengths Finder survey, and most have attended a workshop to learn more about their strengths and how they can use them in service.
  - We have had two financial stewardship campaigns with significant results. For the first time members are making annual pledges for the plate collection, and the weekly plate has increased by nearly \$2000. People that never gave before are giving!
  - We have formed 21 Arise small faith-sharing communities with 200 members participating.
- C. We will establish a task force to lead the community in discerning the expansion of facilities to meet the community's needs
- We met with an architect and came up with preliminary plans for Markey Center remodel that can be used in the future.
- D. We are expanding our pastoral care for young families and to the bereaved. Kary will reach out to parents with newborns, and follow up baptisms with cards during the first year. She will also send cards to the bereaved every few months during the first year.

## 2. Youth and Young Adults

- A. We will continue to expand our outreach to youth and to develop the gifts and discipleship of our youth. Youth ministry is understood as ministry to youth and by youth.
- i. Engage our youth members in a mutual discernment of needs and responsibilities, allowing them to discover and use their gifts in service
    1. Youth in 2<sup>nd</sup>-year Confirmation have taken the Strengths Finder survey for the past 3 years,
    2. Youth Core Team meets weekly to plan for youth ministry
  - ii. Develop a Middle School group for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders.
    1. In its third year now, it has moved to its own time on Thursdays, 6:30 pm – 8 pm to give it better support and identity.
  - iii. Develop a Post-Confirmation group for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders.
    1. More of them participate in the Youth Core team
  - iv. The Youth Ministry will take responsibility for a monthly Youth Mass.
    1. Developing nicely!
  - v. We will hire a professional youth minister to pastor our expanding youth ministry.
    1. Deborah Rovick (and Hal) have brought their incredible gifts and experience to our parish and have taken our youth ministry to a new level, including an annual mission trip to Idaho
    2. This position is fully funded through our increased financial stewardship.
- B. We will expand our Young Adult ministry.
- i. We will convene a group of Young Adult leaders to identify the needs and to discern a plan for meeting those needs.
    1. Hal & Deborah have had several events and are building up a growing group of young adults.

### 3. Outreach

- A. Strengthen and expand our Outreach ministries by providing consistent, budgeted funding for them
  - i. Outreach leaders will work with the Finance Council to discern a financial plan.
    - 1. All outreach ministries are in the operating budget, and are fully funded through parishioner restricted donations (\$80,000 this past fiscal year)
    - 2. “Help Needed” emails typically generate thousands of dollars to meet specific crisis needs
  
- B. Form an Outreach Ministries Council to help coordinate our efforts.
  - 1. Council meets 3-4 times each year to coordinate all our ministries and to plan for the future
  - 2. We now publish a monthly newsletter (*Reaching Out*) to keep members and guests informed about our outreach ministries
  
- C. Continue to be a dues-paying member of COPA (Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action).
  - 1. Resurrection continues to provide significant leadership in the regional COPA
  
- D. Strengthen and establish partnerships with other social justice groups and efforts in the region, including Catholic Charities, Association of Faith Communities Homeless Action Partnership, Community Foundation, Dominican Hospital, United Way.
  - 1. Resurrection is a major partner in the efforts to end homelessness in our county.