

Announcement to the Parishioners of "Futures" Team

Good morning...

If someone on the street asked you, "How do you like your parish at St. Ann's?" I'm sure nearly all of you would give a big thumbs up... Yes?

However, in the interest of enriching our parish even more, Father Peter recently gathered a small group of parishioners to research answers to questions such as, "What's working well at St Ann's? What could be done better? Where does St. Ann's want to go? What are some common issues that could use a little attention?"

We all agreed that the answers to these questions lie within our entire parish community. And to uncover those answers, here's what our newly formed "Futures Team" will be doing:

- Over the summer, we'll be talking with the various group and ministry leaders in our parish, to gather their thoughts on where we might want go as a parish based on some of the ideas they already gotten from many of you.
- Then, with the help of their input, we'll be putting together a survey to be sent to all parishioners in the fall, so that everyone can voice what they love about St. Ann's as well as anything they feel might make St. Ann's an even better parish than it is today.
- So when you receive this survey, please speak freely, and let us know all of your questions, comments, needs and suggestions, so that all aspects of parish life here at St. Ann's are incorporated, and that we know what is important to you. It is just as important to address aspects of parish life that you enjoy as it is to know what activities, projects or ministries you'd like to see strengthened, enriched or initiated.
- We'll also be giving you an opportunity to join some focus groups where you can listen and contribute your ideas on more specific topics of your choice.

St. Ann's is OUR parish, and its future direction will be based on the input and ideas of all of us.

Our recently assembled "Futures Team" is only the beginning of a long-term parish plan to help St. Ann's remain a great community of faith, and help all of us individually make greater progress in our lives and on our pathway to God's Kingdom.

On behalf of Father Peter, Father Dave and our "Futures Team," thank you for your ongoing commitment, caring, and support to the success of St. Ann's.

Without all of us, St. Ann's would be only a building. But with each of us working together in God's grace, we can dream of the possibilities and watch those dreams become reality! .

It's OUR parish. Let's make sure that all of our voices are heard!! Thanks for your attention.