

**SAINT IGNATIUS CHURCH**  
**PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN**  
**BASED ON PARISHIONER COMMENTS**

**Pillar I. Liturgical and Personal**

- Encourage the formation of prayer groups where many parishioners live  
— away from downtown.
- Can the Passover dinner be brought back?
- How will we evaluate progress of this pillar?
- Consider establishing a liturgical or spiritual committee. [*\*\* received from more than one source*]

**Pillar II. Faith Development: Adult, Children and Family**

- Does “children” include teen-agers? Is there a youth designation? The designations between children and youths should be clear throughout the plan.  
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- Family Mass has become taxing to the families running it. Can it be combined with 10:30 Mass, permitting religion classes before Mass and combining two distinct parish groups?
- Specify “Ignatian Spirituality” where “Nurture and promote personal spirituality” is stated.
- Improve opportunities for prayer, e.g. Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, monthly?

**Pillar III. Community Building: Hospitality of Inclusivity and Diversity**

- Diversity: Is there an Hispanic Mass? Should there be one? Invite gospel choir or others.
- Young people are interested in participating in service projects (Loaves and Fishes).
- Outreach geared to prison population?
- Plays by young students to raise money for poor box?
- Identify on the website the “type of parishioner” or general character of the Mass.  
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- Use existing Ignatian websites and social media links.  
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- Meredith Gould will write memo/letter on how to improve communications.
- Ways to improve outreach to gay community. Suggest a look at St .Francis of Assisi parish in NYC (Chelsea).
- Link new/prospective members with a parish member or family who would take an active part in introducing them.
- On the topic of clustering, continue to reinforce ways in which our parish distinguishes itself. Effective communications will become increasingly important.

- Increase lay ecclesiastical ministers and define their roles. Continue to develop St. Ignatius as a community of faith and service.
- Reaching out to lapsed Catholics, students @ Loyola. Are we present at local events?
- Who leaves St. Ignatius and why?
- Ask individuals what attracted them to St. Ignatius and if/when they leave find out why.

#### **Pillar IV. Outreach to the Poor**

- Increase relationship with Jesuit Volunteer Corps.
- Should advocacy be included in this pillar?
- Peace and Justice Committee should be included as a responsible group.

*[\*\*this is more administration]*

#### **Pillar V. Fiscal Soundness, Stewardship of our Facilities**

*[No comments received.]*

### **Suggestions Regarding Administration of the Plan**

- Clarify strategies, timelines and accountability. Consistent feedback to parishioners?  
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- Identify responsible persons or group for parts of the plan—more parish involvement.  
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- Increase web traffic thru links.
- Encourage and develop lay leaders for a variety of functions.
- Add a suggestion box to the website to provide feedback.
- Valet parking?
- Young adults think there is need to improve technology with facebook, twitter, improved website. Confirmation class would volunteer to do this. (see Sunday 9:00 and 9:30 Mass for additional suggestions on how to do.  
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- Internships in parish office for older HS students?
- Annual picnic at a closer location?
- Will survey results be made available to parishioners?
- Meredith Gould will prepare memo/letter on how to improve communications.
- Don't forget small percentage of parishioners without computers.
- Are the goals of the long-range plan realistic in light of our resources?