

Vision Committee Oral Report to Parish #3 April 29-30

Good morning/evening,

I am (your name) from the St Joseph Vision Committee. My fellow committee members and I would like to provide you with an update.

In order to create a Vision for the parish, we need to understand who we are as a parish at present and what are our hopes and desires are for the future. As you know, the results of last year's Synod was our starting point.

Our second vital source of information is the Parish Census. Fewer than 200 families have completed the census thus far. It is important that every family whether you are new to the parish or a longstanding member, completes the form either on-line or on paper. That information is urgently needed for future planning. The on-line form can be accessed through the website. Paper copies are in the back of church.

Our third source of information will occur next Sunday, May 7 when we will host a Ministry Fair. That event, which will occur after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses, will be an opportunity for you to discover more about the ministries and service opportunities here at St. Joe's. You will be able to ask questions and to join those that interest you. Knowing what you are interested in will help the Vision Committee articulate an authentic vision for the Parish. Having a vision will help us create short and long term goals and to formulate the action steps necessary to achieve those goals.

If you have already completed the census and included a specific request, please accept our apologies if you haven't received an immediate response. We hope to complete the data input by May 28. If your need is urgent, please contact Fr. Jim via email.

So, in order for us to serve you, please complete the census and join us at the Ministry Fair next Sunday. Why not also buy tickets for the Ravi-Oke event to be held at the Woodland next Sunday afternoon.

Finally, we look forward to see you at our Parish Pentecost celebration on May 28. On that Sunday, we will have only one Mass at 11:30 to symbolize our unity. Everyone should wear red for that celebration. Light refreshments will be provided after the Mass on Pentecost. We hope to see you there!