

The meeting was designed around a facilitator rather than a Chairman using the Open Space Technology method. Accompanying papers and guidelines for the session are in the PPT File

#### GROUP 1

- following good examples
- led by example – importance of positive role models?
- Integrate closely and share skills and be supportive to young and old people alike in the community
- Ask the Parish what would be the next step – and how can we spread integrated approach
- Expanding beyond holy trinity in the local community and be more welcoming
- Reaching to new people that come in the Parish as well
- Relationships with other churches – be more active and strengthen these relationships
- Groups within the parish are reaching out quite widely – e.g. luncheon club etc.

#### GROUP 2 – FOCUS ON WELCOME

- Visitors – and new members of the Parish could be more welcomed
- Should be shown that they belong – have volunteer Ushers at masses –
- How can Ushers be efficient? Training... Initiation... (look at Nottingham Cathedral?)
- Communicate widely – not to have a selfish attitude and bring people along
- Better to ask one person to come along when an event is on. Each person to bring 1 person with them.

#### GROUP 3

- Individuals should take more responsibility – e.g. website
- Welcome – quarterly social event for newcomers (meet and greet) – could people who meet on the door have name badges.
- Booklet needs reprinting\*\* (content?)
- Have people on standby who can speak the various languages spoken in the Parish
- Ways of encouraging new faces and getting new people involved
- Involving the schools – the schools aren't the future they are our church now
- How to bring back 16 year olds – those that don't see Family Fridays as 'cool'.
- Are we over thinking things – there are more young people now than ever, lots of great groups going on. 50% of the Centre used by Parish events
- Fresh blood to turn over those who are on 'committee' – new people to take on the roles that lead these teams

#### GROUP 4

- Mass and Prayer – important to the role as a Catholic Christian
- Spirituality to serve and be committed.
- Vocation – to be open to the core. Can change with age and circumstances. Accepting the vocation – vocation is calling you not you calling the vocation.
- Involve more people and their skills – so many people who we say hello to in church by the disappear after Mass.
- A call to people to be more active in the Parish – Corpus Christi – June 10.
- We must be welcoming, inclusive and reaching out whatever their needs – but it is hard to get the volunteers. Changing the core group of people is always a challenge – emphasise that the whole programme – life and attitudes.
- Sign people with small beginnings – not too much at all once.

#### GROUP 5

- Hope – that we can care – we should be inspired with a can do philosophy and be inspired to take risks
- Risky to attend meetings like this – be prepared to take these
- Whilst people attend Mass with the spirituality – perhaps it can be a habit between you and God.
- Limitations and liberations in the Mass (personal viewpoint)
- Should step back as workers to encourage others to use their talents
- Step back and change over, be inclusive
- Share the good news with those outside the church – but HOW?
- All churches have tried to share good news through the weather shelter
- Looking outwards not just to our own needs
- Making people feel good – look to our children
- Dance – brining families together – children – parents. Not just Catholics – open to all.
- List of Parish activities in the Porch

#### ADDITIONAL

- invite the marriage preparation groups
- Advertise our groups better – what we are doing and what we hope to do
- First Holy Communion then Sign Up Sunday – how can we do more when we have the names – who welcomes then to join the group. The Centre could have a team of juniors shadowing what we are doing so current team can step down
- Children’s tool box – sorry prayers – readings –
- How do we give the Parish this message so that it becomes their own – the body of Christ – new cells need to replace the old cells.
- They can hear the message from us in their groups – but needs to be repeated week on week.
- Lay person who welcomes people at the Lectern – asks necessary paperwork, introduces those by name who is doing the readings.
- Incentivise for young people – group meetings away from the Parish – excursions to youth festivals
- Churches Together – Ministry of Sport – Olympics are a tremendous opportunity to draw in people who do not go to church
- Don’t hear enough about what is going on in Churches Together
- Exchanging names at the Sign of Peace – extending this part of Mass