

Parish Leadership Community starts another cycle of communal discernment.

On Saturday, February 4th our parish Leadership Community (consisting of our parish council, staff members and Fr. Paul) met to begin another cycle of communal discernment to better understand our parish calling. While our parish community continues to reflect and more fully live out our current parish theme and calling-- Hearts on Fire! Come Encounter Jesus, Embrace His Kingdom --our Leadership Community begins once again to read the signs of the times in order more fully respond to what God is calling from our parish.



Carrie Tilton, Deacon Ken Miles, Brendan Wagner and Dan Lawler take part in our Leadership Community Gathering.

Our God, who is always doing "a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19), calls our parish to renew itself on a regular basis in order to meet the changing historical and social circumstances that confront us. Change is therefore not an option for our parish but a necessary part of our calling. Our regular discipline of discerning God's call for our community is central to our life and mission.

The first step in discerning the signs of the times in our parish is to better understand the world our parishioners inhabit. We do this by conducting one-on-one interviews with parishioners. We want to see the world through the eyes of our parishioners. We want to know their concerns and worries about the future. We want to know their hopes and dreams for the future. We want to know where they see God at work in their families, our nation and the world.

Because we cannot do one-on-one interviews with everyone, we want to give each parishioner an opportunity to tell us about their world. We will provide two ways for any parishioner to give us their input. First, members of the Leadership Community will be available after all Masses on the weekend of March 11/12 to interview anyone who wishes. In addition we will be providing parishioners with an on-line questionnaire they can use to give input to the Leadership Community. (In fact, the Leadership Community plans to seek your continued input at each step in our discernment process.)

As we enter this new cycle of communal discernment our Leadership Community prays that our parish continue to embrace our calling to encounter Jesus, embrace His kingdom and to live with hearts on fire! At the same time we ask you to pray for us as we come before God once again to plead: Speak Lord, your servants are listening.

- Tom Cordaro, Leadership Community member



Carl VanDril, parish council president, addresses member of the Leadership Community.