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November 30, 2007

Very Rev. Michael Jacques, S.S.E., V.F.  
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Dear Father Jacques:

I am writing to you to share the final work on our parish goals, objectives and time-line based on the recommendations of Archbishop Alfred Hughes following his recent pastoral visit to St. Angela Parish. As the Archbishop requested, the Pastoral Council, at their meeting on November 13 read through the Archbishop's letter of November 5, considered carefully each of his recommendations and we have made modifications in accord with his letter.

**Ministry of Worship:** There is already a goal: To provide a variety of prayer experiences and styles of prayer at worship times through the continuing work of the Parish Liturgy Committee. Under that goal, a strategy has been added: Special focus will be given to the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in communal penance services, e.g., during Advent, Lent and at the Parish Mission.

I might add that the parish Liturgy has already begun discussion on this goal at its meeting on November 21 and will continue its discussion and planning at its January, 2008 meeting.

**Ministry of Word:** The goal has been rewritten to state: Continue to refine, improve and implement the five-year plan for on-going adult faith formation with special consideration for incorporating the use of the United States Catechism for Adults.

**Ministry of Service:** Special attention will be given to the first and third recommendations of the Archbishop.

In fact, we have already begun working on the plan to align the work of parish organizations with the parish mission statement and plans from each organization will be presented to the Pastoral Council at their February or March meeting.

**Ministry with Resources:** Dates will be set for two parish-wide Spring meetings to discuss with an architect parish facilities and current and future needs, with expectation that a new master plan can be prepared by the end of Summer, 2008. The Finance Council will then begin consideration of a capital campaign to begin raising funds for whatever the master plan calls for in the way of new or remodeled facilities.

It has already been reported to parishioners, through the parish bulletin, that we have received the report of the Archbishop and that his comments, in full, are on our parish web site. This letter will also be added so that all parishioners (who have, by the way, already received the goals) will be aware of our incorporation of the Archbishop's ideas.

In Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Kenneth Hedrick  
Pastor

c: Rev. Msgr. Andrew Taormina, V.F.