

FALL 2018 PULSE OF THE PARISH NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

SUMMARY – *OUTREACH*

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Cincinnati Ohio – Sunday, April 14, 2019

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God (based on Micah 6:8, refrain to song “*We Are Called*” by David Haas). Outreach ministries and social justice activities fulfill the dominical command to love one another as Jesus has loved us, and in doing so those who participate in such activities become His witnesses to our community and to the world (John 13:34-35).

GENERAL

The overwhelming majority of comments about our outreach activities were exceptionally positive. Of special note, people are very impressed and thankful for our community’s support – both individually and collectively – at the times of a family member’s sickness or death.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

- All comments about our bereavement ministry were exceptionally positive.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

- This is a great ministry but seems to be underused or not advertised enough

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

- Our homebound and hospital visitations are inspiring and so helpful to the sick

TWINNING & PARTNERING RELATIONSHIPS

- The mission trip to Guatemala was awesome
- Our relationships with St Leo Parish (Cincinnati), McCrory County (Kentucky), Guatemala and St Peter Upendo (Kenya) are all marvelous.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

- Thankful for this very active ministry

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY & OTHER CHARITABLE WORKS

- Our St. Vincent de Paul chapter is fantastic and does such great work year round!
- Are all the charities we support faithful to Church teaching in their goals and witness?
- Giving Tree and different collections (food, toiletries, school supplies, etc.) are great!
- Our parish is very generous.

OTHERS

- We need a Catholic Social Action group
NB Our Pastoral Council and Pastoral Team are in the process (both short-term and long-term) to revitalize all of our inactive parish commissions, including the Social Ministry Commission.
- We should be concerned with our community becoming “*Laudato Si*” certified.
NB “Laudato Si” is Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical on the environment and human ecology.
- Could there be more service opportunities for middle school aged children?
- Bulletin articles on social justice issues are great
- Even though we do a lot of outreach can we ever do enough?
- The “Choose Life” banners before elections are great
- Wish our Respect Life Committee was bigger, more visible and more active
- “Scarf It Up” is great!
- We could use a divorced ministry
- We are good at looking out for each other in our neighborhoods