### **Summary of Parish Conversation on July 23, 2015**

# 1. How shall we (how do we) change the lives of those who journey with us?

#### Acceptance

Many kinds of backgrounds People feeling accepted will participate Better years ago?

#### Invitation

Ask people to join

Non-intentional Exclusivity

Ministry – need more follow through from chair people

Invite to coffee and donuts

#### Participation

Liturgy, environment Enhancements to liturgy Everyone engaged

Change comes through support

Journey - not just as St. C's but our families, our workmates, our neighbors Be positive influence

\*\* Connections

## 2. How are we called to be in ministry to people outside the walls of our church?

Could be a spark to get children involved in ministry

How are we as we go about our days?

How do we interact with others?

We can be role models to young people.

Let's not make it so complicated.

We could be better about speaking about faith; though it is hard right now – local events and leadership make it hard to talk; but rare time w/Pope to engage in conversation.

Pope is giving us ability to be hopeful (ex. Message about the poor, environment, etc.)

What activities could the parish do as a whole?

## 3. Whom are we called to attract? Why? How shall we invite them?

Led by the Spirit we suggest:

Building within and building out – connecting

Better w/i our community and connecting with people outside St. C's

Welcome everyone as Jesus did

Attraction – not promotion

Reaching out to people with personal invites

Prayer IS the most important

Team up with other churches (in neighborhood area)

Pray for everyone (some prayer requests are not allowed?)

Connect with those who have lost a loved one (card, hello, etc.)

Birthday cards for lonely, elderly

Reach out to those who used to be in this church; see how they are Development outreach ministries in conjunction with other churches

Share with parish what we do outside this churchy (e.g., Red Lake

kids share their experience; can adults do that too?)

#### WHO?

Younger people

Marginalized, alienated (not just from church), poor

People searching for a faith community, don't have a "home"

Everyone (stronger with many viewpoints

Who are we missing?

#### HOW?

Our circle of people

Flyers, publications

Get to know people one to one

Word of mouth

Father – extend welcome to people at baptisms, weddings, funerals

Teach not all parishes are the same

Not judgmental homilies

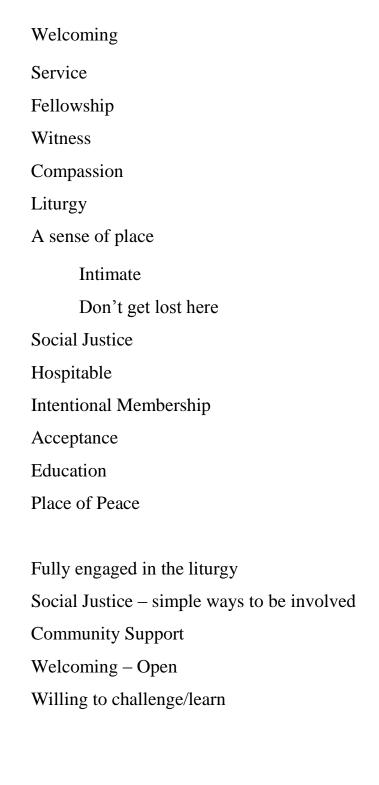
Acceptance

All activities give same message

#### WHY?

We are called

### 4. What are the core values that shape our community?



# 5. What might God be calling us to risk? To lose? To gain?

#### RISK

Overload (participation by a few) Loss of priest/parish Sense of control

#### **GAIN**

Greater lay involvement
Diversity of voices
Young people
Parent to parent support

#### **LOSE**

Time/sleep What we have (we like our friendly, supportive, progressive parish; good atmosphere)