

# PARISHIONER COMMENTS

## APRIL 17, 2005 PLANNING MEETING

### Ss. Peter & Paul

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- ◆ Many changes over the years.

If we are desperate for priests, why not rotate [mass locations]?

Giant churches are not desirable.

Small Christian Community exists at Ss. Peter & Paul now

Evangelize the neighborhood.

- ◆ How quickly will plan be implemented?

Pray at home for our Parish, and to do what's best

Need to get younger people active.

- ◆ How can we abandon this neighborhood?

How can we respect each other's ideas?

We value our smallness

What would we do with this building?

What if we did not have Mass every Sunday?

- ◆ Small caring community

Priest shortage is failure of the Diocese

Priest shortage is driving us

Neighborhood United keeps area safe

Ss Peter & Paul is pillar of this area.

Don't give up easily. We've been threatened before.

Neighborhood United sent a letter to Bishop Clark regarding the value of Ss Peter & Paul

- ◆ We are not in debt.

Beauty in the community, not the architecture.

- ◆ Listen – Pray – Act... (Don't keep "talking")

Take steps and don't skip over steps in process

This is religious and legal corporation

Parishioners need to make decisions on property/mission

- ◆ Parish memberships should respond to letter from Bishop Matthew Clark

Merger? Implies loss of legal identity

Consolidation is forming new parish in new name (loss)

All our properties then go into new parish.

We need an "Ss Peter & Paul Plan"... be pro-active (like St. Mary's working to merge with another hospital).

Loss to neighborhood if this worship site closes

- ◆ Financial stability has come with a price.

Few staff means fewer services for youth, seniors, etc.

Do we want a schism like Spiritus Christi?

Maintain a total parish, not just worship community only

- ◆ St Augustine people are just as wonderful and nice as Ss Peter & Paul; also St. Monica. They love their church.

We need a plan to make our church *grow*.

- ◆ Parishioners, Parish Council, Trustees have legal responsibilities for our property, upkeep.

- ◆ Few people here—is it too few?

Will there be [enough] people to support Ss Peter & Paul for 10—15 years?

We need to be careful of the "we—they" mentality.

We don't own the property – it is Diocesan.

RCC19 merged staff for greater service

RCC19 has struggled for 12 years to unite

Hard for them [RCC19] to embrace Ss Peter & Paul, and for us, too

- ◆ No church should have to close

We're just as good as RCC19

- ◆ We need new life in this parish

Plan needs to include evangelization to bring in families

We are church—it isn't a building

We need to be involved in our ministries

Say the Rosary every day.

- ◆ **Evangelize** and pray for vocations.

- ◆ Closing church campuses in city is a bad idea

Clustering doesn't mean Ss Peter & Paul will close, but we can't go it alone. We are part of a Southwest group of parishes.

We may have money—but we don't have staff to do what a parish needs to do.

By joining together we will have strength.

We need to fix the roof, not tear down Ss Peter & Paul

Roman Catholic church doesn't need to create a hole in the city.

We need to "suck it up" and join forces to grow

- ◆ We don't have young people

Do we come for the building, or community/ministry?

We want "truth" in our parish letter.

We need "truth" from Diocese and Pastoral Planning Task Force

We need to work with Sr. Sue

We now have opportunity to move forward and grow.