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# Commission Inquiry Session Reports

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## Grouped by Category

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The information presented to the Parish Council on January 20, 2011 by commission reps is reported here and divided into 3 categories:

- 1) General overall themes which came up often and we perceive as everyone's responsibility
- 2) Commission specific items which were self-identified by the commissions or noted as a strength by another commission
- 3) Ideas involving more than one commission

These should be considered brainstorming ideas to be used to stimulate conversation and not defined action items.



**Commission Inquiry Session Reports – Ideas to stimulate further conversation**

	<b>Sunday as Summit</b>	<b>Greater/deeper involvement</b>	activities like Coban trip (FC) <b>Passion for service and justice in the world</b>
<b>General overall themes</b>			-Do the simple things with great love (PM) -Education as to needs and what actions can be done (PM) -Influence Awareness – Convey the Cause (L/FF) -Implement ideas – who will do the work? (L/FF) -Think Outside the box (L/FF)



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YM – Youth Ministry	<b>Sunday as Summit</b>	website. (PL)  <b>Greater/deeper involvement</b>	<b>Passion for service and justice in the world</b>
<b>Commission specific</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Make Parish House suppers more frequent/ongoing/permanent (FC)</li> <li>-Send bulletin/bring it to those who can't attend Mass (PM)</li> <li>-Find and use a personal touch ie. Have designated greeters (not a second job for ushers and communion ministers) (L/FF)</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Involves more than one commission</b></p> <p>Key to commission codes:</p> <p>FC – Finance Council  L/FF – Liturgy and Faith Formation  PL – Parish Life  PM – Pastoral Ministry  SJ – Social Justice  YM – Youth Ministry</p>	<p>-Social Justice commission should meet with the Liturgy Commission at least twice a year to establish a universal church theme during the Church calendar year since the Gospel permeates Social Justice issues. Examples: Epiphany flight from Egypt relates to Immigration issues; petitions might include current social justice issues like Health Care; music related to support church celebrations. (SJ)</p> <p>-Education on mass and liturgical seasons (FC)</p> <p>-Greeting of neighbors before Mass starts. (PM)</p> <p>-Anointing of the Sick at a Sunday Mass as we do with baptisms. (PM)</p> <p>-Make it an experience (leave with goosebumps) – create a profound sense of community through the Mass (L/FF)</p>	<p>-Search for new and better ways to reach the “shadow parish” (PL)</p> <p>-Small group experiences/faith formation for adults (YM)</p> <p>---Opportunity for discussion and sharing of personal experiences</p> <p>---Smaller commitments are ok – one a month small groups, book clubs, etc.</p> <p>-Multi-generational service projects (and maybe events) (YM)</p> <p>---Connect different existing groups of people</p> <p>---Habitat for Humanity</p> <p>---Feed my Starving Children</p>	<p>-Guest speakers explaining what needs are out there (FC)</p> <p>-Family open activities, for example – Saturday morning activity to help others (FC)</p> <p>-Highlight each ministry after liturgies (PM)</p> <p>-Create “Coban” on the local level – partner with a local organization – take ownership, make personal/intimate connection (YM)</p>

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<b>Involves more than one commission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Build Awareness- Promotion/Marketing- why do we do what we do? (L/FF)</li> <li>-Contemporary music at one liturgy each weekend (YM)</li> <li>-Create a stronger sense of community within and surrounding Mass ie. (YM)</li> <li>---Sign of peace - liven up, extend</li> <li>---Meet and greet at the beginning of mass</li> <li>---Invitation to move in/sit closer together</li> <li>---Revive donuts – maybe once a month</li> <li>-Make liturgies more informal, personal relatable and inclusive (YM)</li> <li>---Homilies</li> <li>---Music</li> <li>---Announcements given by priest at the end of mass</li> <li>---“Warm up” physical structure/décor – not just on holy days</li> </ul>		

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