

Catholic Community of South Baltimore Listening Project Insert#2

The Pastoral Council initiated this Listening Project on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord for each of us to reflect on our baptismal call and how the Catholic Community of South Baltimore (CCSB) helps us to live that call.

The project invites all of us to reflect on our life as a Christian and how the CCSB helps *each of us as a person* and *all of us as a people* to live that Christian life abundantly. (I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly – John 10:10). In order to accomplish this, the Pastoral Council has invited about fifteen parishioners to visit fellow parishioners who are willing to share their reflections on the following:

1. *What are the good things about the Catholic Community of South Baltimore that you value?*
2. *How does being a member of CCSB help you to live the gospel or bring holiness into the world? Are there things CCSB could be doing to help you do that better?*
3. *In what ways should the CCSB be serving the broader community (locally, nationally, and internationally) beyond our parish community?*
4. *Think about what specifically you would like the CCSB to look like in 5 years. What will we be doing to live out our mission that we are not doing now?*
5. *Is there anything else, either good things or concerns you have, that you want to express about the CCSB?*

You may be receiving a call from one of the ‘listeners’ inviting you to be part of the process. If you are willing to participate, an agreed upon time and location will be established. The meetings can occur in someone’s home or on church property what ever is most comfortable for all concerned. Obviously, the ‘listeners’ can not visit the 1000 families of the Community. It is hoped that those visited represent a cross section of the full community.

If you wished to be assured a visit, you are welcome to send your name, phone number, email address and the best time to be reached so that a ‘listener’ can contact you for a visit. Send your information to Laurie Latuda (410-385-2601, lmLatuda@aol.com) or Josh Beale (301-524-8077, jjb8187@gmail.com). Having parishioners visit parishioners builds the bonds of community among us. Hearing from as many parishioners as possible, reminds us that each member of the community is valued. It will take several months to visit the target number of at least one hundred parishioners. The valued reflections shared during these visitations will be gathered together to guide the council and staff.

*These last years the Pastoral Council has
promulgated the Mission Statement to give us direction,
created the Mapping the Mission Endowment to live that Mission
for generations to come.*

*This year in that same Spirit, the Pastoral Council
initiates this process to guide us as we seek to live that Mission
now in this present generation.*

If you missed Listening Project Insert #1. please access the website
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