



DISCIPLES IN MISSION

An Evangelization Experience

St. Anne's Experience of Faith Year II...2008

Presentation of Goal II "Go and Make Disciples"

Goal II: To invite all people, whatever their social or cultural background, to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ so they may come to join us in the fullness of the Catholic faith.

This goal means that we invite effectively every person to come to know the Good News of Jesus proclaimed by the Catholic Church. This goal means not only that people are invited but also that an essential welcoming spirit is present in Catholic homes and in all our Catholic institutions. This goal also has ecumenical implications.

The strategies behind this goal are to create a more welcoming attitude toward others in our parishes so that people feel at home, to create an attitude of sharing faith and to develop greater skills to do this, to undertake activities to invite others to better know the Catholic community.

Here at St. Anne's, for our second of three years involved in the Disciples in Mission parish renewal process, there were 9 small groups who met weekly during the six weeks of Lent. These groups included a group of our teenagers and as well as a family group with their small children. A total of 86 participants were involved in these groups and a number of parishioners were leaders for the first time. Lent certainly became for them an inspiring opportunity to share their experience of faith and tell their stories of the wonders God is doing in their lives...Good News, for sure!

On April 12th of this year, we conducted our Parish Reflection Day. It was an opportunity for all to come together and look at where St. Anne's stands in light of Goal II mentioned above and to determine what objectives we will adopt to deepen our experience of that goal. Below are the two objectives along with their specific strategies that were gleaned from the participation at our Reflection Day.

#1 To design programs of outreach for those who have ceased being active in the church.

- Speakers on special topics: separated - divorced - annulments - abortions - homosexuals, trying to re-invite them back to the church. The speakers to share God's mercy and compassion.
- Workshops on reconciliation, how to defend our faith, how to handle death

#2 To help every Catholic feel comfortable about sharing his or her faith and inviting people to discover Christ in our Catholic family of believers. To develop within families and households the capacity to share the

Gospel.

- Workshops and/or training programs that would include offering support to families as primary sharers of faith with their children.
- Continued opportunities for small groups to meet to share their experience of faith, to discern religious experience and articulate it, and development of greater ability to listen and empathize

Our Pastoral Council and each of the parish organizations will be presented with a report of our second year's experience of Disciples in Mission and will be invited to plan their commission's or group's activities for the upcoming year in light of this report.

Copies will be available at the parish office and as well as on St. Anne's website:

www.stannegorham.org

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