

Notes from Oct 16, 2010 Retreat

Universal church

Issues that need to be addressed or structures that need to be abandoned

Communication--to know what expressions of Church are being lived and their needs.

Are we communicating that God loves us? the mystery of God's presence?

We are not just a church of shepherds and sheep.

Relationship is the key!

Must appeal to the difference in cultures.

Each culture is unique and should not be changed.

Cultures and Traditions should be preserved--and we need to work to appeal to each of these.

To be more aware of Global Issues-poverty, abuse, etc.

How to bridge the gap between "passive" and "dictatorial" or "authoritative" Church.

Eg: how to properly implement the documents of Vatican 11.

The desire to restate firmly structures of division rather than structures that work toward unity (both within the Catholic Church and Ecumenism) Need to stop the cover-ups and deal with the problems at hand.

Gifts of Pallottine Charism

Witness example commitment respect

Community is stressed, promoted celebrated & practiced.

Equality All play a role Servant Leaders According to your state of life each and every one is called to be an apostle of Christ.

We are all called to apostolate whatever state you are in, you contribute prayer, financially, service, etc. To make the one body that is the church.

All called by name to pray and participate; u The use of our gifts encouraging one another to do so.

Co-responsibility of all believers

To be active players rather than passive spectators in every place in our lives. Desire for sharing the limitless love and mercy to all, especially those in difficult situations.

The move towards acceptance of Vatican 11 (why does it take so long?) promote attitude change.

Promotion of lay ministers.

Giving of time and talents as available as gifts of talents are known as per our stage in life, our individual "SITUATION".

Inclusivity--Pallotti includes all to be Church--from laity to priests to bishops.

Working together--priests, sisters, laity--as one family to achieve goals we set.

Elements of Ideal Church

A church willing to do what is right, even if it is not popular.

A church that is welcoming and at service to others.

A church in which the dignity and equality of each person is promoted, accepted and expressed through love.

Alms for the poor in countries enduring poverty. "We are called by name". It is our duty to support the church.

Christian unity.

Ideal church: have greeters. Be friendly, let people know they can use envelopes if they wish for income tax deduction. Welcome new people to our church and let them know the programs available. If they have children 1st communion, confirmation, youth group.

Re-emphasize love. "A pilgrim Church in the world with time to stop for those who have fallen along the way". There is a need to concretize here. How do we welcome?

Is there a ministry of welcome--a way that the Church can show/demonstrate how much we have missed the Lost.

A church. Simple, humble, committed to service rather than power hungry. Open to tenderness and forgiveness.

Inclusive. Morally responsible. Forgiving and open/honest.

We are all needed. The Future of the Church is TODAY!!! It included the young, the elderly, rich and poor and all play a part.

Church that is open and all accepting. Church that is transparent and not judgmental or closed. Church that nurtures spirituality in children and youth.

Non judging. OUR Church not MY or I.

A church community, praying, loving, sharing, working for the betterment of all society. A church which welcomes the newborn in baptism--welcomes the parents and families to begin the journey of discovery and Christian life. A church who recognizes all--the elderly for their wisdom, the youth for their vitality, that unconditional love for each and every member be fostered (#C on page 10).

Missionary Church

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Need to live it and not be hypocrites

All faiths have missionaries We work in juxtaposition to other missionaries. Must provide a clear vision so the evangelized are not confused by so many choices.

Are we communicating that God loves us? The mystery of God's presence? We are not just a church of shepherds and sheep. Relationship is key.

Gifts of Pallottine Charism

Encourage young people and foster them to be enlightened in local mission sharing faith and morals.

Sharing the love of Christ in word and action. Servant Leaders.

Local support to St. Vincent de Paul, by groceries and money. "We are called by Name."

To be active players rather than passive spectators in our lives.

Elements of Ideal Church

A united front! Being a person of faith is difficult so let's be united and share 1 faith.

Be strong!

A church united with the poor and marginalized.

Being welcoming and forgiving without compromising the fundamental truths of our faith.

Welcoming ... Evangelizing...mercy and Forgiveness ... Sense of Community ...Meeting needs of Youth ...Serving...Loving and joyful...Not to water down beliefs ... Respect all Diversity

Instead of using the word 'church' here we will use the word 'we' for these dreams; to take ownership and responsibility: We strive to know each other so that we can care for each other; pass on God's love; give 'God' to others.

A place where young people participate because they want to and are needed

Local Church

Issues that need to be addressed or structures that need to be abandoned

Church that welcomes all differences

Need pastoral assistance e.g. deacon, more laity involved, UAC

Lacking in welcoming people from other countries etc., or marginalized people, poor, handicapped, newcomers to parish.

Morality

A lack of understanding of the part of many people on the effects/necessity of Catholic Social Teaching, especially with respect to elections and society.

Clericalism that overpowers the abilities and contributions of the faithful.

Communication! Let's communicate why we do what we do! Each person should receive catechesis at every age from their home parish!

Need to stop making excuses.

Lack of opportunity for our youth to build their faith in community.

Involving youth in parish-making them feel valued parishioners.

Poor and homeless in our city-low income families trying to provide necessities and further education for their children.

Are we communicating that God loves us? The mystery of God's presence? We are loving people. We are not just a church of shepherds and sheep. Relationship is key.

Discipleship is joy.

Need more priests in North America. Need to import. Need to promote vocations to the priesthood.

Shortage of priests (for sacramental needs)-need to promote/encourage vocations.

Gifts of Pallottine Charism

Educating the youth to be aware of global issues of poverty / just distribution of global resources and sharing.

All contributions from each member are needed. All our gifts should be fully actualized for the good of all. We provide an atmosphere of belonging where we are free to offer our gifts in many expressions of spirituality.

To become active players rather than passive spectators in every aspect and place in our lives.

Promoting Parish Councils-working with the priests to make decisions relating to the parish.

Compassion ... Laity much more involved ... involvement with people-poor, sick, lonely ... open to newness, new paths ... collaboration ... servant

Understanding the need for mutuality and collaboration.

Parish ministries and social justice. Servant Leaders.

Elements of Ideal Church

Strong, vibrant, faithful, friendly, accepting, loving: A church founded on the love and persona of Jesus Christ.

Lots of labourers to work in the vineyard-the parish.

Open membership with common faith "Everyone Welcome"

Whilst people are trying to do good-How can we can we can we keep over controlling out of it -and foster new ideas etc.

Hardly any politics

A church that is an anchor in an ever changing world, yet can move with the times.

A church that values the giftedness of all, not just those of any specific group.

Ideas for those in control to listen to the laity. Bursaries to those in need-giving students a chance to go to university.

Keeping our focus on Christ as our model in our lives.

Ideal Church (#1)

Universally:

Holy

Mystical

Fraternal

Political:

- all that is public such as laws
- should be held to an ethical standard: a sense of common good

Reconciliatory -- compassionate

Church is People (#2)

The church of our dreams is all about people-- All people will work together, each valuing the others.

We stand on Tradition

We stand on Faith

We stand on God

Our Church is all encompassing, ministering to the needs of each as they arise.

We will evangelize through our actions-- Who we are as strong Catholic Christians will lead by example.

We use catechesis on a daily basis to continually educate our own, as well as draw others in.

Our Church (#3)

At heart: Jesus Christ
Relationship

Love	Community
Hope	Youth
Laity (SAC, UAC)	Hospitality
Sacraments	Trust
Family	Mercy
Service	Evangelization
	Witnessing

Ideal Church (#4)

People around the dome of St. Peter's

A church where families at home become "family" as "Church"

A church where all members consider themselves sons ft daughters of God The actions of people would be mode led on the actions of Christ.

A church which is ecumenical.

A church that welcomes the "stranger".

A church where we "live" the sacraments.

A church that is open to the workings of the Holy Spirit.

Ideal Church (#5)

Family oriented

Collaboration with all people of God

Openness to tenderness and forgiveness

Small Christian Community groups

Fostering Catholic teaching values within the family, parish, school More involvement in global social justice Welcoming, Loving, Caring, Sharing, Sacramental, Family of God.

Ideal Church (#6)

Cross in the centre

Sacraments

Prayer: individual! communal

Liturgical worship & celebration

Mutual support--outreach

Personal vocation

Leadership

Socializing

Collaboration--talent sharing

Community building ministry--service