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Dear Parishioners,

Magis in the Jesuit tradition means that we can do more for Christ, and therefore do more for others. This year (2017-18) the Parish Advisory Council (PAC) will focus on reviewing all the wonderful things our parish does through the lens of evangelization and how we strengthen our ministries to invite, encourage and meet the needs within our parish community. The never-ending challenge is how our community and ministries live out that mission in all we say and do.

The PAC recently held its Fall meeting and continued our discussion from the Spring meeting about evangelization, missionary discipleship, personal encounters with Christ and spiritual renewal. As we challenge ourselves to stay focused on our parish mission, the PAC reflected upon where it speaks to evangelization. Council members felt that our mission to evangelize can be summed up in the phrase “love as Christ loved and to proclaim the Good News”. We do this by celebrating, welcoming, engaging, sharing, valuing, advocating, communicating, promoting and stewarding as a Christ centered community.

As we cogitate each of our Parish ministries throughout the year to understand all that they encompass and how we can strive to “do more for others”, we welcome our fellow parishioners to share their thoughts. PAC members will be reaching out to you to seek new ideas about how we can engage parishioners more fully, utilize new ways to communicate opportunities, and share your stories of service.

Please spend some time to read reports submitted from each consultative body and ministry advisory group (i.e., communications of what each group has been spending time, effort and energy on) as well as our meeting minutes.

Have a blessed Fall season and please continue to pray for Rachael Schopp and her family.

Lisa Geneser
Chairperson