

## **“Moving Forward in a Year of Transition”**

### **Discussion with Rick Krivanka and Parish Council**

**September 16, 2015**

#### **1) Most life-giving experience for parish community in last year**

- People volunteering
- Kept people in Catholic church amidst disillusionment
- Community feeling; relationships with others
- Way we celebrate the Eucharist
- Constancy i.e., the rock
- Care for the poor: food pantry, Giving Tree
- PSR classes/Vacation Bible School
- Desire to grow in faith and to reflect as individual and community
- Feeling welcome among congregation: HOME
- Embracing diversity
- Liturgy is core: Holy Week so inspiring; recognition of baptisms, anniversaries, blessing of sick; First Holy Communion
- Growing with this church over generations
- Importance of women: deep respect; raise women up; daughter holding communion plate
- Cohesion of parish team: draw people in to deeper faith
- Town Hall with diocese personnel board:
  - Awesome responses
  - Big turnout
  - Kept hearing what I wanted to say
  - Respectful passion
  - All worth it
  - Top of the mountain

## 2) Future Agenda

- Planning/Living the Year of Mercy
  - Within and without
  - Review “Church of Mercy” book
  - Enhancing what is life-giving through lens of mercy in serving poor (different experiences of “poverty”; not necessarily financial; Considering “poor of spirit”
  
- Synod on Family
  - Perhaps AFTER year is completed: follow-up
  
- Enhance community and exposure with people (Apps, Web, Bulletin)
- In-depth discussion of Mission and Values
- In-depth discussion of Eucharist, Faith Formation, Justice, Advocacy
- Review Council Constitution