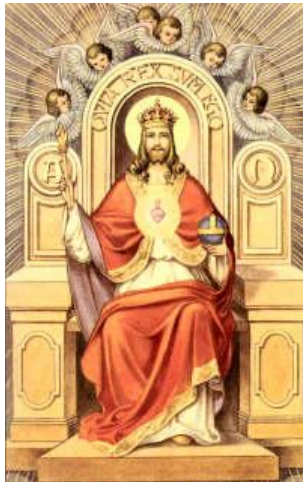




# RENEWING THE CHURCH IN MANVILLE





# **WELCOME**



- **Thank you**
  
- **Introduction**
  - **Sacred Heart Renewal Team Members**
  - **Christ the King Renewal Team Members**
  - **Guests**



# MEETING EXPECTATIONS



- **While the Renewal Committee is not bound by the will of the majority, we need to take the sense of the parish into consideration.**
- **Proper meeting decorum is expected.**
- **No deviation from agenda.**
- **Index cards/pens to write down questions.**



# **AGENDA**



- **Opening Prayer**
- **Renewal Process Explanation**
- **Presentation of Recommendations**
- **Responses to Written Questions**
- **Invoking the Holy Spirit**
- **Collect, Tally, Announce Results of Input**
- **Closing Prayer**



# OPENING PRAYER



# **RENEWING THE CHURCH PROCESS**

- **Why the process began**
- **January through March**
  - **Reflected on Mission of Committee**
  - **Past Relations Between Parishes**
  - **Need for Reconciliation**
  - **Discerning a Process for Reconciliation**
  - **Tour of Sacred Heart Properties**
  - **Pastoral Priorities/Ministries**
  - **Bishop's Pastoral Letter – Vibrant Parish Life**



# **RENEWING THE CHURCH PROCESS**

- **April through June**
  - **Tour of Christ the King Church/School**
  - **Regional/Pastoral Demographics**
  - **Parishioner Maps**
  - **Review of Facilities Reports**
  - **Finance Reports**



# **RENEWING THE CHURCH PROCESS**

- **August through October**
  - **Finance Reports**
  - **Risk Audit**
  - **Review of Canon Law**
  - **Potential Future Options**
  - **Initial Proposals for Future Plan**
  - **Feedback from parishioners, revisions**
- **November Meeting (November 26)**
  - **New Structure Announced; Concluding Prayers**





# **FINALIST – “IMMEDIATE MERGER”**

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# **“IMMEDIATE MERGER” - ADVANTAGES**

- Most proactive and prudent action for both parishes.**
- Allows us to build a more vibrant catholic community in Manville.**
- Improved utilization of human, financial and other resources.**
- Maximizes cost efficiencies.**
- Provides more resources to support catholic education in our community.**
- Allows parishioners to continue to worship in their own church.**



# **“IMMEDIATE MERGER” - ADVANTAGES**

- Builds a more diverse parish to serve a changing diverse community.**
- Eliminates the unknown of when the parishes will merge.**
- Brings closure and allows people to heal and move forward as a united catholic family.**
- Strengthen existing and build new ministries**
- Opportunity to build a new stronger united catholic community for our children, grandchildren and future generations.**



# **“IMMEDIATE MERGER” - DISADVANTAGES**

- Christ the King and Sacred Heart Parishes will cease to exist.**
- Feelings of loss of those things that were unique to Christ the King and Sacred Heart parishes.**
- There will be a period of sorrow and mourning among many parishioners at the loss of their parish.**
- Potential loss of parishioners (uncomfortable with change).**
- Potential reduction of financial support.**



# **“IMMEDIATE MERGER” WITH FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR “CLOSE & BUILD”**

**Merge now to become a new parish with a new name and two worship sites, each church keeping its original name. If a flood closes Christ the King Church, Sacred Heart Church becomes its only worship site.**

**Subsequent to the merger, the new parish would commission a feasibility study on the subject of building a new church on a site to be determined, and if after due study and discernment, this is determined feasible, the parish would build a new church.**



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- Allows parishioners to continue to worship in their own church.
- Builds a more diverse parish to serve a changing diverse community.
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**• A new worship site will create equal feeling of belonging and ownership.**

**• Artifacts from both parishes can be more prominently displayed in a new church**



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- **Cost of new church may be prohibitive and may be too difficult to raise the money needed.**
- **May not get everyone’s full support/cooperation.**
- **May take several years to complete.**



# **RESPONSES TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS**





# **INVOKING THE HOLY SPIRIT**



# **COLLECT/TALLY/ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF INPUT**

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# **CLOSING PRAYER**