

RENEW: What Matters?

- Christ Matters, as the focus “person” of our faith lives
- Salvation Matters, as the ultimate goal of our Christian lives
- People Matter, for it is not so much “what” but “who” that matters

Evangelization Matters!

- Immigration to America brought the first Catholics to our great country
 - Procreation in America swelled the ranks of Catholic and filled the pews
 - Evangelization for America is what we should have also been doing all along
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1 – Sunday Matters!

- Informed by the teachings of Christ and his Church
- Inspired by the grace of the Sacraments of Christ’s love
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make a difference in the world

2 – Welcome Matters!

- Hosts: all our “regulars” recognize themselves as being hospitable to others
- Guests: all our “visitors” are treated as honored guests, even if it is their only visit
- Seekers: some people are searching for God – we need to draw them in by love

3 – Belonging Matters!

- Friendships are nurtured by Christians who share the same positive faith values
- Christian Service builds community as much as it reaches out to those in need
- Connections with the greater local community spreads good will far and wide

4 – Witness Matters!

- Personal Stories: we benefit from telling them, and others benefit from hearing us
- Speaking Well: what we say either draws people in, or drives them away from us.
- Inviting Others: we never have a second chance to make a first impression

5 – Mission Matters!

- What: What are we all about as a church community? Why be here?
 - Why: Why do we do what we do? What difference does it make?
 - How: How we do things is based on what we are and why we do it.
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Planning Matters!

- If we fail to plan, we plan to fail. Taking initiative and responsibility is not optional.
- Congregational Lifecycles: Birth – Maturity – Rebirth. Where are we at today?
- Small sharing groups are the key to congregational renewal and rebirth.

You Matter!

- Affirmation: We affirm one another as fellow members of the family of God.
- Guidance: We offer guidance to each other, both in growth and in difficulty.
- Support: We support each other unconditionally, in good times and in bad.