

*The Way Ahead!*

*Church of the Resurrection*

**PARISH MOVES FORWARD WITH  
“PEOPLE ENGAGEMENT” PROCESS**

Church of the Resurrection is currently involved in a workshop series that is being coordinated through the Archdiocese of Baltimore. This workshop, entitled *Inviting, Welcoming, Engaging and Affirming*, is geared towards continuing to build a strong faith community here at our parish, the Church of the Resurrection. Working with us through this process is the Institute of School and Parish Development (ISPD). ISPD is a national development consulting firm working exclusively with Catholic parishes, schools and dioceses.

Church of the Resurrection has assembled a Core Team of individuals who are laying the groundwork for the People Engagement Process in our own parish. We are a team of eight parishioners who stand with you at liturgies and a variety of other parish activities every day of the liturgical year. All of us bring different talents to any initiative and this is no different. **We need YOUR energy, YOUR enthusiasm and YOUR talents!** You might ask yourself many times during the year, “How can I get involved and enrich our parish growth?” **This IS YOUR chance! There is a place for YOU on this team!**

There are a number of initial steps that are being planned and that will come to reality in the next six weeks or so. The Core Team is attending a series of five workshops that will facilitate the implementation of the People Engagement Process.

Additionally, key ministries within our parish have been briefed about this program and its objectives. The Core Team and additional volunteers will collect data to be used in the development of a Plan of Action. This will take place through the administration of a parish survey as well as focus group input sessions during late April and early May.

On the weekend of April 19/20, a short but invaluable parish survey will be conducted at all the parish masses. This survey will be lead by our Pastor, Monsignor Jim McGovern. Following the completion of this survey, parishioners will be randomly invited to participate in 55 minute input sessions to be held on a variety of days at different times from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>. These sessions will offer an opportunity for parishioners to offer their opinions and ideas on how to better invite, involve and welcome our parishioners, new and old.

Once the input of the parishioners themselves is collected and analyzed, a People Engagement Team (PET) will be established that will consist of parishioners from a spectrum of backgrounds, experience, age, gender and interest. Members of this PET will emerge from a variety of sources to include the input sessions. This team will review and use the data collected from the parish survey and input sessions to strategically plan how we can engage more people in the life of our parish.

**Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be involved in this very important initiative that seeks to continue the vibrant spiritual growth of our parish and energize “PEP” into our daily lives**, both in our parish and in our own families! *If you are interested in volunteering, please call Ms. Marty Bode @ (410) 461-9111, Ext 204.*