

Parish Council Retreat

Hosted / Moderated by Bishop Peter Hickman, Assisted by Mother Diane Smith

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Attending:

Bob Morano, Doris Hand, Meredythe Hutchinson, Remo Ottone, Sharon Smith, Susan Morano, Tonya Adams

Session 1:

Collective prayer of the rosary using "The Upper Room Discourse" Gospel According to John, Chapter 14

Session 2: (Handouts and Discussion)

- Discussion of "**The Local Church**"
- Suggestion to read Acts of the Apostles and The Promise of Partnership. We were asked to remember that "**Collaborative ministry** is the key to our church growth" and "Church growth is the key to our success in saving Saint Matthew."
- Reviewed the **Principles of Church Growth**
- Bishop Peter taught lessons on different types of beliefs and practices - - see page 3 for chart. Lesson titled, "Christ The Heart of Our Faith"

Session 3: Brainstorming Session on Parish Council Mission Statement

PAGE 2 includes photograph of "Dry Erase board" and attendee suggestions grouped into complete sentences.

Results from attendees and facilitator (Susan Morano):

Announced the purpose: To increase "focus", help "filter" requests that are out of scope, and "achieve" goals

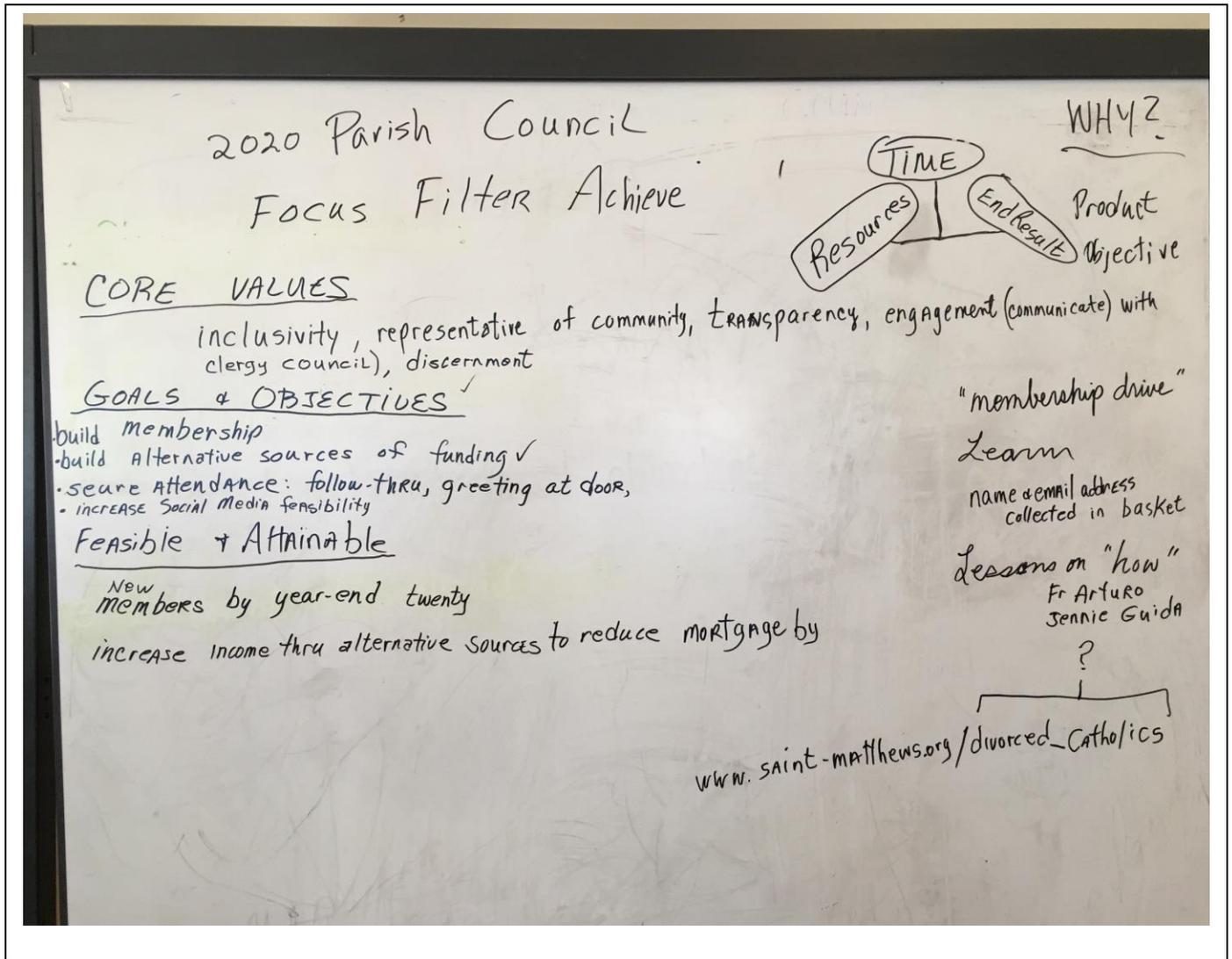
Reviewed the three things Mission Statement should have:

- Vision of the organization (statement of mission),
- Core Values that shape behavior of participants
- Goals & Objectives that are feasible and attainable

Listed Our Tools and Deliverables:

- Time (for year 2020 only),
- Resources (council members, clergy, staff, laity, building/facility, Saint Matthews budget),
- Accomplishments (projects we complete, goals we achieve)

Photograph of input from attendees regarding Parish Council mission statement:



Our mission is to work together (engage) with Clergy Council and each other to assist with operation and business aspects of Saint Matthews with a commitment to inclusivity, transparency, discernment and our role as representatives of laity. We strive to build membership (twenty new members by 2020 year end) and maintain membership through in-reach actions (such as, follow-thru contact, personal welcome at Parish entrance), and build alternative sources of funding (to reduce facility mortgage).

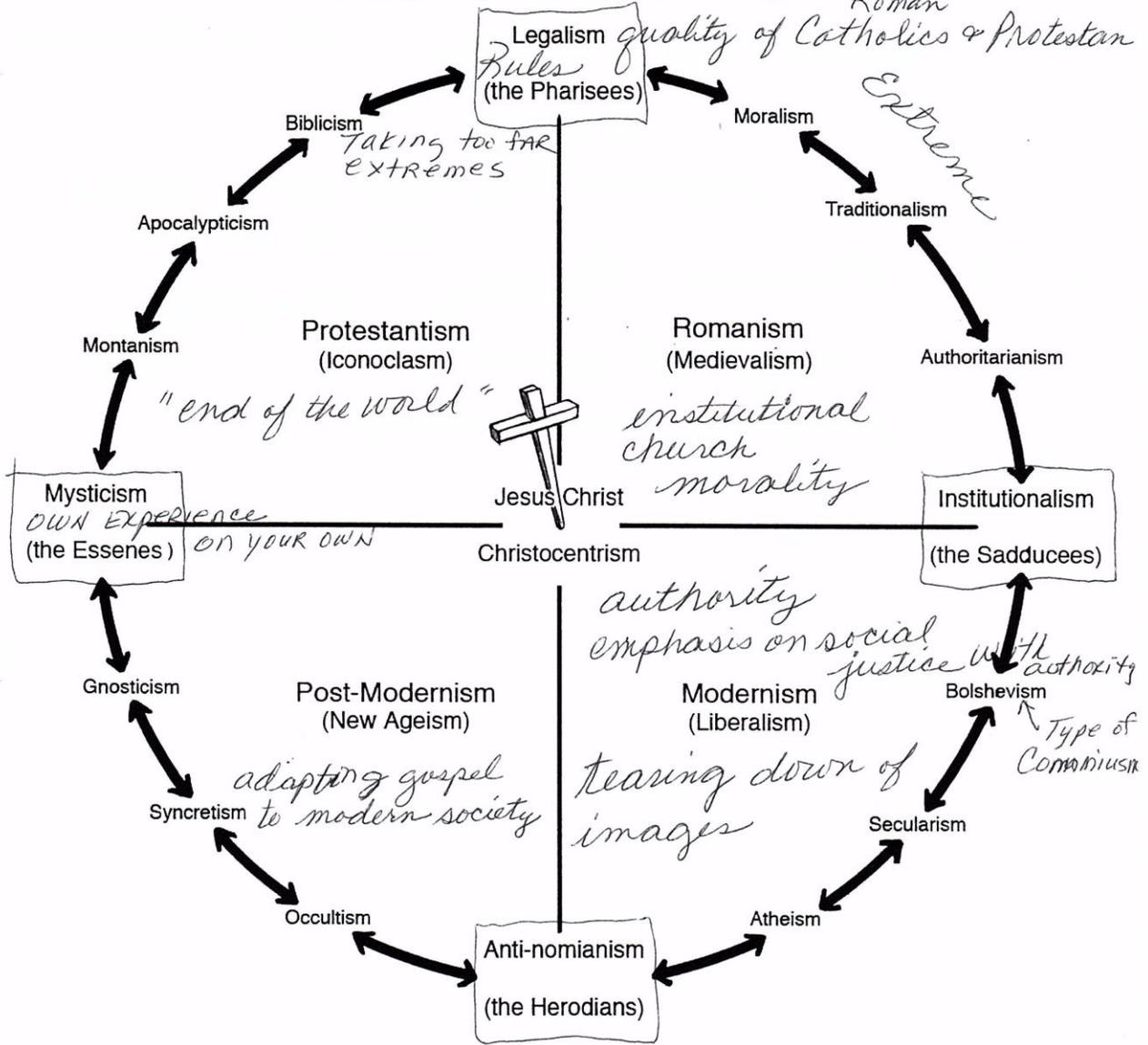
Highlighted in yellow are statements offered at retreat.

Highlighted in pink are words to satisfy first thing mission statement should have - - "vision of the organization / statement of mission".

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(Archetypes)

"Christ The Heart of Our Faith"



"keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus the author and finisher of faith."
Hebrews 12:2

Fundamentalism: taking texts/books literally; rigid attitude

When they displace Christ as center, that is what why mysticism, institutionalism, legalism, is a problem