



SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

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Into the future of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

With all the terrific activities of the fall and revolving around our Patron Saint, Kateri Tekakwitha, our parishioners may find it helpful to know a bit about what direction the parish is taking and how we hope to get there.

You may have a better sense of this than I but for several months before last summer, members of the parish were involved in a wide-ranging process that sought the thinking and the dreams of regular parishioners in order to put together a plan that would guide us into the coming several years. There are a few ways to deal with the future. One is to say, "whatever comes along, we'll figure it out," and go somewhat blindly into your day-to-day activities. Anyone who has had to deal with an unforeseen event or tragedy knows that this "strategy" leads to much running around, high heart rate, quick and often poor decision-making. It takes the least amount of effort at the outset but in those challenging moments, it takes more effort than many can muster!

Another way of approaching the future is obviously to plan for it, and the best plan looks at all the "angles:" whom the plan will benefit, what their needs will be going forward, what resources and people will be out there and what, ultimately, we would like the future to be if we can work together to achieve it. In other words, a good plan needs to be "strategic," and not just a pleasant dream!

After listening to the dreams, thoughts, hopes, possible resources and challenges that lie before us, the parish has assembled a fine plan. You took part in a vital step of that plan, when asked to select our preferred way of stating our mission and of articulating a vision for the future. This went a long way in setting St. Kateri's plan in place, and now into action. Let me tell you a little more about what we are working on.

Every good building has a firm foundation, the "pillars" from which it takes its stability and strength. The parish discerned five of these. Over the next few weeks I hope to describe all five, but today I'll list them and begin commenting on one, the one that has energized me and directed my work and that of a great number of staff members and parishioners since July. The five pillars of our plan are **Eucharist and Sacraments, Faith Formation, Evangelization, Fiscal Responsibility and Unity and Growth**. These are absolutely vital to our Catholic community's life and really inter-related, like a weaving.

Since we are a parish that covers nearly a whole town, a distinct possibility might be that we would not see ourselves as one community but five or even more! This would not witness very well to the **Unity** of the Body of Christ. In meeting with the many groups who serve the community, from providing social activities to prayer and meditation opportunities, from collections for the needy to cleaning our worship spaces, we have somewhere in the region of 60+ ministries, all with multiple members! Imagine that! Usually a new pastor needs to beg parishioners to get out of the pews and help out in one or another activity. Not here! They—you—are already well at it, and have been for many years. What a parish! Of course, there is the need to coordinate all of this activity, and you have been most cooperative and creative. This may be St. Kateri's best kept secret. I'm happy to let the secret out!

More next weekend! Until then, may God bless your week.

Fr. Paul F. English, C.S.B.
Pastor