

## **Witness Matters Survey Response Update:**

Thanks to the 123 people who responded to our 4<sup>th</sup> survey, Witness Matters and the 45 people who made personal comments.

The most positive response was that all parish meetings begin with prayer. The next most positive response was that the homilies encouraged parishioners to witness to their faith in word and deed.

The greatest opportunity for growth was sharing personal faith stories on media. The next greatest opportunity for growth was reaching out to the community beyond St. Mary's through activities and social media.

We understand that telling our faith stories deepens our relationship with God. So we plan to have a formation workshop for leaders in the parish on how to best tell personal faith stories.

Through a Ministries Fair and an improved time and talent form, we hope to: invite people who enjoy writing and are media savvy to enlarge our platform for sharing faith stories, and call forth parishioners to reach out to other faith communities and social and civic leadership.

As you can see, no positive changes can happen without you!

On September 17, the phase 1 team will analyze our final survey, Mission Matters. So look for our update in the fall.