

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH - A Stewardship Community

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PARISH VISION SESSIONS

We recently began a process to complete a strategic plan for St. John Neumann parish. The plan, when complete, will enable our parish to be intentional about where we are going for the next five years as a parish rather than simply drifting.

St. John Neumann has accomplished some extra-ordinary missions during the past 25 years, but we can be more effective as we come together to determine our path under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

To this end, two parish visioning sessions will be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2009**. The first will occur **after the 11:30am Mass**. The second will occur **after the Sunday 5:30pm Mass**. **Light meals and nursery babysitting (ages 1-5 yrs) will be offered after each of these Masses.**

Plan on being involved for approximately two and one-half hours. These sessions will not be a lecture-presentation or speaker. Rather, 75% of the time allotted will be you talking to one another about the hopes and dreams for our parish. It is very important to both Fr. Bud and Fr. Jim that you attend and participate at one of these sessions. Please see the information and RSVP form on page 6 (to the left).

CONSULTANT FOR OUR PARISH VISION SESSIONS - DOMINIC PERRI

Our consultant for these Parish Vision Sessions will be Dominic J. Perri. Dominic provides facilitation, leadership development, training and consultation to a wide range of organizations (non-profit, for-profit, educational, and faith-based) throughout the United States. He leads strategic planning for national, regional and local organizations. Dominic facilitates meetings and gatherings that range in size from a few participants to several hundred. He creates and delivers leadership training programs and provides executive coaching to his clients.

His recent work history includes both short-term and long-term projects:

- ◆ Facilitation of a Leadership Summit for executives of non-profit fundraising organizations at Dominican University
- ◆ Board development for Coprodeli USA, an international development organization
- ◆ Two-year process to develop and implement a national strategic plan for twenty sites throughout the United States for the Paulist Father

Dominic also has extensive experience in the field of survey research, developing and analyzing surveys and focus groups at two university research centers. He served as a Research Consultant for the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University and Research Assistant at the Survey Research Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Dominic holds a BS in Physics from the Catholic University of America. He also has a MA in Sociology and a MA in Economics from the University of Maryland, College Park. He is a certified trainer for the Franklin Covey *7 Habits* training program.

Dominic lives with his wife Patricia in Forest Park, IL.