

Where have we been?

The four-month information-gathering phase of We Walk By Faith (WWBF) allowed us to receive your thoughts and ideas regarding Word, Worship, Community and Service in three ways:

- 1) through the Ministry leaders workshops;
- 2) through the feedback from the at-large parish community via the distribution of the WWBF booklets; and
- 3) through the survey taken at all Masses on November 3 and 4.

What has been done or will be done with all of this information?

The Pastoral Council WWBF Committee has started to analyze the information from the workshops. Our first action was to combine the results of the two workshops in each of the four WWBF categories of Word, Worship, Community and Service. In doing so, we recognized that several of the suggestions were either already under development or were items that could be (or have been) acted on immediately and include the following:

- The Legion of Mary has been organized and is an active ministry that meets weekly.
- We are recycling paper and glass products (bulletins, worship aids, wine bottles, etc.).
- During 24-hour adoration, no activities will be held in the church nave.
- The ushers have held the first AED training for emergency assistance.
- The children's choir has been established and is under way.
- The media center large-screen display in the Commons is operational on weekends and presents information on ministry activities, parish news, etc.

The Committee also is reviewing the information from the at-large parish community and combine it with the information from the workshops. This will identify your thoughts on our strengths and weaknesses (in the four WWBF categories) and propose recommendations for change.

Finally, the Committee has collected and prepared all of the surveys for scanning by the diocese. Once we send the surveys to the diocese, they will digitally scan the surveys and create several reports for us. That information will be combined with the workshop and at-large information to create our parish assessment report for you and the bishop.

This is an important opportunity and one that we at Saint Bede can use to reflect on our parish life and use it as an opportunity for renewal. **We thank you for your cooperation and participation.** We will be keeping you up-to-date as we progress. If you have any questions, please contact a Parish Council representative by visiting www.bedeva.org.