

St. Joseph's Parish
Kentville
March 21, 2018

Opportunities

Share gifts and talents. (x6) (esp. youth)
More faith sharing.
More youth participation. (x3)
Relation and youth identity.
More seniors included.
New Lay ministries.
More participation of the established groups
e.g. CWL / Knights of Columbus. (x3)
Encourage small Christian communities.
Come together to celebrate belonging.
Praise & glory (worship).
Study opportunities.
Outreach to senior's homes.
Opportunities to share expenses. (x3)
Witnessing/celebrations.
Service to the needy, e.g. seniors, disabilities, poor.
More people at Mass.
More ideas, (innovation). (x2)
Inspire/motivate people to participate in
ministry/Mass. Blend of all churches. (x2)
Increase hospitality to make all people feel
welcome.
Car pool/ offer drives to ensure people get
to Mass/meetings (x2). Building Community.
One Parish = one youth group.
Amalgamate the youth – motivate.
Discover a way to reach university students
home for the summer.
Petition Archbishop to have a CCO person at
Acadia + support.
Community & Infrastructure sharing among
churches.
One Mass can serve more people.
Traditional community, "old Parish" barriers gone.
Electronic cyber space (video) to enlarge Mass
across communities.
More social events. Better potlucks (more food).

More varied Mass times.
More of a financial pool (for the Hub),
free up money if fewer churches to
maintain. Less financial pressure.
Less duplication of resources.
Advantage of man power.
More resource people available –
talents at hand, experience, numbers
to support goals.
Have a tool to assess all programs,
ministries, activities. Are they Mission
oriented?
Meet other Catholics from other areas. (x3)
More volunteers to share the load.
More sub-committees for planning all of
areas.
More diversity of ideas.
Sense of Community.
Inclusive.
New Facility.
New services offered.
More support for clergy (lay involvement).
Focus on our Mission.
Open up our Parish community to the "Far-
away"
Music ministry. (x2)
More options.
More people sharing gifts/less burden
for others.
Approach people about how they can
contribute.
Better communication.
Best practices shared across region.
Mix of ages – learn.
Less travel for Priest.
Better communication.
Better focus.

Constraints

Travel for seniors/ seasonal to participate. (x8)
Transportation. (x2)
Weather.
Hurt feeling.
Not enough presence from your imminence (sic)
Possible negativity, fears.
Not everyone accepting.
The change, status question. (x2)
Distance, physical location btw communities.
Potential clash of cultures.
Lack of money.
Centralization similarity to Government.
Do not want to leave.
Cliques.
Loss of local autonomy.
One or two reps for Hub (Gov't model).
Scheduling programs.
Not one group monopolizing, need to share space.
Selling the Plan.
Dealings with feelings of loss and grief for churches that no longer have Mass regularly.
Resist change.
Willingness to share.
"Parishioners. Young families". (sic)
Loss of identity.
Fear of losing a church.
Losing parishioners in the upheaval. (x2)
If one priest...illness? Hard on priests.
Sacraments restricted.
Loss of people.
Out of comfort zone.
Age.
Overlapping of ministries- less opportunity for Ministries.
Building the community we want.
Unfamiliar with fellow parishioners.