

## seek, share, rejoice - each one, bring one

Transformation: Living Christ's Mission Today

### *Each One Bring One – A Transformative Idea*



#### **Each One, Bring One**

When the Transformation Team proposed program ideas that might work for OLPH, they identified an idea that seemed both obvious and challenging: one that, hopefully, will bring more people closer to their faith and to one another. The idea is simple. Bring someone along with you to Mass, a ministry meeting, a service project, a prayer event, or even to a round ball game, and help us overcome one of the biggest issues facing OLPH -- our size. Yes, we are a big parish, and big parishes can be intimidating and often difficult to navigate. The many ministries and events we offer can help scale our parish down to size, but opening the door and stepping into something new is not always easy. If someone you trust goes out of their way to encourage you and, even better, agrees to accompany you, suddenly those perceived barriers collapse.

This week, we are unveiling our own welcoming campaign called, **"Each One, Bring One."** It couldn't be easier! We are encouraging each parishioner to bring someone to a church event. We're asking you to be aware of the people you meet. Seize those opportunities you're given to reach out and offer your hand to someone who may be eager to participate but reluctant to step forward on their own.

Years ago, another parishioner invited me to join the Men's Spirituality Group. I knew no one and no one knew me, so it seemed daunting to blend in with people who had been parishioners for 20, 30, even 50 years! But, the group was very welcoming and, now, I feel like a regular. I have even invited other men to the Saturday morning discussions. Each one, bring one!

To illustrate the ripple effect this can have, I was then asked by someone in the Men's group to join Scripture Study. Someone in Scripture Study asked me to join Sharing, and another invited me to join the Engagement Committee and even to apply for Parish Council. It has been like a snowball gathering momentum and growing bigger and bigger. I have made friends, found a spiritual family, and now work to spread the joy through our Transformation initiatives. One simple "ask" can truly transform our lives.

We are now asking you to embrace this concept of **"Each One, Bring One."**

For the past several weeks, these Transformation articles have been written by Rob Orr and Margie Andre. Joining with us on the Transformation Implementation team is Sarah Lane-Hill and Hank Pielach. Sarah is liaison to a couple of Ministries and has developed the Transformation logo and our "Each One" poster. Hank is working to develop youth programs. Together, we are tracking the progress our Parish is making on



the many Transformation Programs that have evolved from our first meetings: OLPH 101, HeartsAfire, Father Hickey's Prayer Tastings, Father Nick's talks on Lent and Advent. These are just a few of the many ideas that Transformation has inspired. Together, we are making a difference.

