

Report for April Vestry Meeting Partners for Sacred Places

The Partners for Sacred Places group has continued to meet and had a very productive April. This month we tackled two key tasks: one was working on a clear mission statement for what our facilities can do to serve our community. A draft is being finalized by the committee, with this work led by Joel and Maggie. The goal of this is to have us know exactly what guides our work in growing our facilities' use and how we can do this while ensuring its use still meets the purpose of our parish.

Secondly, the committee is working to identify a project to be a kickoff project for this work. While this wonderful new relationship with Family Promise has presented itself to the church, this project would be something smaller. It could be an opportunity for us to clearly identify the logistical barriers that make it challenging to open the church to our neighbors and to develop clear methods for how to overcome them.

The committee will meet again in mid May to finalize this mission statement and identify a priority project (that would not be the Family Promise effort) to use as a starting point and template for future efforts to open our space to our neighbors.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Joel at (810) 358-7886. "