

## **GOALS 4, 5 AND 6**

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Goals 4, 5 and 6 are about helping one another on our journey of faith. They come under the heading of "Gather". The scripture comes from Matthew, saying, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst."

Goal four under "Gather" enhances the regular opportunities offered at Church of the Assumption, calling for small faith groups to be formed creating bridges between the various people who make up this inclusive parish. These are wonderful ways to get to know fellow parishioners, to welcome the stranger, and to grow in our own faith. There is a lot of work involved in making these groups happen, such as researching various programs, communicating with leaders and members, leadership training and doing evaluations.

Goal five is really two-fold: enhancing and improving our Liturgies, and inviting our people into what Pope Francis calls "missionary discipleship." We will be using the "Intentional Disciples" model to draw our people into a deeper relationship with the Lord and by extension encouraging our parishioners to actively invite others to come into a deeper relationship with the Lord themselves.

The Sixth Goal is to enhance the spiritual life of our parishioners through retreats, missions and other prayer experiences. There will be many opportunities to participate, including book study, planning a Parish Mission, and planning and attending a retreat every other year. This program is a call to conversion of the heart...an exciting and invigorating experience guaranteed to increase spiritual growth.