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TWO NEW PASTORAL INITIATIVES

I Annual Sunday Homily Evaluation

In recognition that a good homily is not simply the fruit of one individual's labor, but also involves the collaboration in faith of an entire community and that we must strive to find more ways of accountability to each other, St. John's is instituting an Annual Evaluation of the Sunday Homilies of its Deacons and Priest by parishioners.

In our first effort this year the process will be based on a double blind study. Parishioners were asked to volunteer to be evaluators at a particular Sunday Eucharist without prior knowledge of which deacon or priest was preaching. The Deacons and Priest will be assigned a particular Sunday Eucharist as a homilist with prior knowledge of those evaluating his homily. The evaluations, which do not identify the evaluator, will be sent directly to the deacon or priest for his personal reference. The homily evaluation form was obtained from the homiletics department at our Diocesan Seminary. Ahead of the evaluation date, both the evaluators and the homilists will receive a copy of the Evaluation Form and two published articles reflecting the U.S. Bishops Statement on Preaching, **Fulfilled in Your Hearing**.

The choice of evaluators will rely on a self-selecting process on the part of parishioners. Although this is not a scientific sampling and only one homily is being evaluated, it is a place to begin the process which we believe will be of benefit to both the parish and the homilist. Based upon the evaluation of the evaluation process, we will adjust the process as needed for next year.

The dates and times of the evaluation are:

Saturday, March 11	5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 12	7:30 A.M.
Saturday, March 18	5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 19	7:30 A.M.
	9:15 A.M.
	11:15 A.M.

If you would be interested in participating in this process, please contact Cheryl MacDougall, Chairperson of the St. John's Liturgical Committee by letter (c/o St. John the Baptist Parish Office), or e-mail (cmmsmile@optonline.net). This communication should include your name, address and date and time you would like to participate. We will be in touch with you by mail.