



February 3, 2020

**Dear Parishioner of the Catholic Community of Meadville,**

As parishioners together, you are the heart of the Pastoral Planning Process for the Catholic Community of Meadville and integral to our future. You and your families are the life and the backbone of the parishes from when they were first begun. The Pastoral Planning Task Force has been listening to you through the 400 plus Parish Life Surveys completed, from the 200 plus who attended our Listening Session in December, and your written responses. As you have come to state and understand there is a need and desire for further growth and transformation of “being intentional about building up a more unified, vibrant, and dynamic Catholic faith community” we come to you with the recommendations for your consideration. From your input and our desire to be proactive, the Task Force has formulated a specific set of recommendations that captures what is needed now and into the future for the Catholic Community of Meadville.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, we ask you to pray about the enclosed recommendations. You, as the People of God, are welcome to respond as an individual, or as a family. This is your opportunity to be creative, to give us your input and feedback.

Your written feedback will be accepted until the Leap of Faith on February 29. Keep in mind that all written responses will be read and considered by the Pastoral Planning Task Force. These may lead to the recommendation being accepted, modified or adapted. The Holy Spirit speaks to each of us and thus we would like to hear from as many people as possible. Once the feedback time is ended, the Task Force will prayerfully consider what has been affirmed, suggestions made, and take into consideration what parishioners have offered.

The Bishop and the Diocese supports the parish role in determining their future and knows that it is best to come from the local faith community of Meadville.

Questions may be directed to Father Lucas or Father Boyd at the Parish, 336-1112, or Paulette Widmann, President of Pastoral Council, 724-1032.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Jeffrey J. Lucas

*Pastor*