

Methodology for Solicitation of Feedback Supporting Document A

Town Hall Meetings: September 2 and 6

The parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul's held two Town Hall Meetings at which we voiced our concerns and questions regarding the news of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's findings.

Approximately one hundred parishioners attended the meeting on Sunday September 2nd. Twelve parishioners were in attendance at the town hall meeting on Thursday September 6th.

The meetings began with a reading from scripture and a reflection. Attendants at the first town hall meeting were asked to break into small groups, then reconvened to "report out" on what was discussed in the small groups. As the second town hall had significantly fewer congregants in attendance, all responses were heard by the group as a whole. Both meetings ended in prayer.

Participants were given the following in order to help frame their thoughts and discussion:

Some questions for your reflection follow. Below, please feel free to respond to one or more of the prompts provided or to write down anything you would like to communicate to the Parish Staff and Parish Council at this moment:

- How have the recent revelations of sex abuse and its concealment affected you personally? Spiritually?
- What ongoing concerns and questions do you have to which the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul might be able to respond?
- How can the Parish best serve you at this time?
- What role, if any, would you like to see the Parish play in the ongoing dialogue that is currently unfolding in the Church and society about sexual abuse of children?

Parish Council Meeting: September 11

The Parish Council's regularly scheduled meeting for September was devoted to processing the input gathered from the town hall meetings discussed above. After reviewing the written responses from the town hall meetings and organizing them into common themes, the Council resolved (1) to survey the parish as a means of identifying priorities among the goals and actions suggested at the town hall meetings, and (2) to create an ad hoc committee to advise on next steps.