DRAFT PLAN FOR AUGMENTING PARISH-WIDE AWARENESS OF
PASTORAL PLAN THEME: "Reach Out to the Least"
14 March 2012

**WHAT:** A plan to augment and enhance awareness of our call "to reach out to the Least"

* Highlight, showcase, and honor the various CLC ministries that embody "reaching out to the least"
* Educate the "parishioners at large" about these ministries, what they do, and how individuals can get involved or participate
* Invite individuals (esp. parishioners at large) to actively "serve the least" in some way during the course of this PP Theme Year.
* One idea is to use something like the annual Labor Day Liturgy's "response form" that we use, e.g., a short form that can be snipped from the bulletin or picked up at Mass, e.g. *"I have reached out to the least in this way . . . "* The Pastor's Update or the bulletin could include some of these responses or personal stories
 *(The CLC Convocation /Retreat in April will test out this idea)*

**HOW:** Tie awareness and response to the cycle of weekend Masses to enhance awareness for all in the parish

* A schedule /calendar would be drawn up that identifies Sunday scriptures in the liturgical year that echo or highlight aspects of selected CLC ministries which "reach out to the least." (esp. in Areas III & IV)
* Based on the calendar, several weekends would be designated as "Reach Out to the Least" Sunday's (from April after Easter until the Feast of Christ the King in in November)
* The Sunday song sheet prayer would highlight a specific outreach or solidarity ministry or action that the parish does.
* Homilies could be tied to that weekend's featured element because it will be tied to Sciptures
* After communion, a short "witness" could be given by someone who has participated in – or benefitted from –an OMOS outreach or solidarity ministry at the weekend's Masses; alternatively a reflective video meditation could be shown
* Members of that ministry could be commissioned at one of the Masses if appropriate
* Literature related to the weekend's outreach or solidarity ministry could be made available
* Suggestions for ministries to highlight – others are possible. . . .
AREA III - St Vincent, Bl Nuno, Casa Maria outreach, Primavera Outreach, Knights of Columbus
AREA IV – Haiti, Detention (Restorative Justice), Consistent Ethic of Life, Care for Creation / Fair Trade, Pereginos Juntos, Habitat for Humanity, PCIC -- also Women's Shelter, TIHAN (Area II)