DRAFT PROPOSAL FROM THE CLC FOR PARISH-WIDE INVOLVEMENT OF
PASTORAL PLAN THEME: "Reach Out to the Least"
13 March 2012

**WHAT:** A proposal for a formation and engagement process to "reach out to the Least" in the Parish

* 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
* Call forth a commitment , response, and action from individuals (esp. parishioners at large) to actively "serve the least" in some way during the course of this PP Theme Year.
* Showcase and honor this response by providing a means for individuals to document "How I served the least" in a prayerful way (based on the model of the annual Labor Day Liturgy and the response form that can be snipped from the bulletin or picked up at Mass, e.g. "I *bring* God to my everyday work life by . . . " " I *find* God in my everyday work life when . . ." )

**HOW:** Tie awareness and response to the cycle of weekend Masses to engage all those "in the pews"

* 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)
* Then 10 -12 weekends ( beginning after Easter for the remainder of the Easter Season and continuing in Ordinary Time) would be designated as "Reach Out to the Least" Sunday's.
* The song sheet would feature a prayer tied to the week's featured element.
* Homilies would be tied to the week's featured element
* A witness from a related CLC ministry would be given at each Mass after communion.
* Members of that ministry could be commissioned at one of the Masses if appropriate
* Literature related to CLC (or other) ministries which embody that element would be available
* Clip-out response/report forms would be available in the bulletin and in the back of the church which individuals would complete, e.g. "I served "the Least" today by . . . "I reached out to "the Least" this week when . . . ."
* An appropriate repository for the response forms would be set up in the Church
* The Pastor's Update contain more info/witnesses about these responses – personal stories, etc
* Suggestions for which CLC ministries to highlight:
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)