

TRANSFORMATION IS HERE!

The Transformation Project is already making an impact on our church community. You may have noticed the various Ministry displays in the south gathering space or the lectures given by Fr. Nick or Fr. Hickey's Prayer Tastings. These programs are just a few of the many ideas offered by the Transformation team to engage our parishioners to "Live Christ's Mission Today."



It's very rewarding to see the number of programs that have evolved out of this Transformation Project and the call to deepen our spiritual lives. New programs - never tried here before - are taking root. One such program was **Hearts Afire**. Nearly 70 people participated in a six-week reading and reflection workshop that started as a discussion at a Liturgy Team meeting. For two years, Jen Farber held smaller, private versions of this reflection program with friends. Building on the momentum, she thought that perhaps the wider OLPH community would be ready for the experience, so she and Viv Lato offered Hearts Afire.

Hearts Afire draws you closer to the heart of Jesus by reflecting on the role and the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The weekly meetings, assigned readings with discussion, planned pilgrimages, and the guided video series helped the group focus their work. At the commencement, all the members attended Mass together and consecrated themselves to Mary. It was a moving experience for all who took part, deepening their spiritual commitment to Jesus through His Beloved Mother.

The success of this program was phenomenal! The weekly discussions drew the group closer to one another as they shared their spiritual journeys and thoughts about the readings. Hearts Afire truly brought to the forefront a deeply spiritual group within the parish that is looking for more opportunities to strengthen their faith. Many who attended have expressed a desire for more programs such as this that open minds, touch souls, and draw us closer as brothers and sisters in Christ.



This is the power of the Transformation Project. It inspires new thinking and encourages us to find new expressions for our faith. Transformation is both a personal journey and a community response. Join an existing group or ministry, or start a new one. Anything is possible! If you have ideas and would like support, let us know how we can help.

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