Date: February 24, 2010

Dear parish family member,

I am writing to invite you to a 50-minute Input Session for Sacred Heart. As parish leaders begin working on a strategic plan, we feel it is important to gather further input about our strengths, challenges and opportunities for the future. Through this process, we are seeking diverse opinions about our parish – we want to know what you think. During the next eight months, we will be inviting you and many other people throughout the Sacred Heart community to participate in shaping the future plans for our parish.

We will be conducting Input Sessions in the Parish Center on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 10th 6:00 pm
  7:00 pm
  8:00 pm
- Sunday, March 14th 9:15 am
  11:15 am

We would greatly appreciate it if you could attend one of these sessions and share your opinions with us.

The questions we will be asking during the sessions are:

1. *What do you see as the present strengths (working well) of the parish?*
2. *What are the greatest needs (improvements) that currently exist in the parish?*
3. *How can we actively involve a greater number of people in parish life?*

It would be very helpful if you could contact our Input Session coordinator to let us know if you are able to participate and, which date and time would work best for you. You may reach our Input Session Coordinator, Val Spies, at 835.1222 or by email at sheart@hickorytech.net. If we do not hear from you by Wednesday, March 3rd, a member of our Core Team will personally call to invite your participation and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to see you at one of these opportunities for input and discussion.

Sincerely,

Father Martin Schaefer
Pastor