

Sparkill Dominican SWOT synthesis of the Reflection Circles

<p>Guiding principles or Identity statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Searching, loving and witnessing Gospel truth in our world. ❖ Preach the Gospel: the truth of the Gospel is to recognize God’s love and preach that love. Live like we have God’s love and bring it to others.
<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Commonality of an internal focus and openness to the future. ✓ Mentoring younger members and other groups.
<p>Weaknesses – Internal challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The percentage of US Dominicans over the age of 80 ● The low amount of associate/lay partners in ministry and leadership ● Lack of formation process for boards and advisory councils ● Lack of preparing members to take on leadership roles.
<p>Opportunities (i.e. concrete ideas for situations/needs to address in the world outside the congregation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Address the injustices of our time ● Mentoring younger members and other groups. ● Adapt – respond—listen---serve <p>Internal opportunities (i.e. identified need and response)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collaboration on all levels: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Among congregations b. Among associates and vowed members c. Among associates, vowed members and boards ● Re-ignite a passion for the mission ● The shift from “come join us” to “can we join you.”
<p>Threat</p>
<p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Take the demographics seriously so we can learn the questions we need to ask to further the charism.

Comments/Observations on the process:

- Missing information: reason why women aren’t entering today
- The voice of the African sisters was missing