

Diocesan Evangelization Pastoral Plan Overview

Year 1 (2014) Personal Encounters with Jesus Christ

- Introduce “active” parishioners to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through a call to continual conversion.
- Equip people with skills to “tell their story” of personal encounters.
- Assess parish existing evangelization efforts and areas of opportunity.
- Build an evangelization team to further efforts in the parish.

Year 2 (2014 – 2015) Focusing on the Domestic Church

- Integrate new diocesan marriage preparation instructions.
- Strengthen existing marriages.
- Address ways to alleviate alienation of divorce/single-parent families.
- Interweave outcomes of Synod on the Family.
- Propose methods to evangelize fallen away family members.
- Finalize parish evangelization plan.

Year 3 (2015 – 2016) Equipping the Parish

- Implement strategies for “welcoming back” fallen away Catholics.
- Introduce programs that encourage personal contact with parishioners.
- Harness the natural moments of evangelization that take place in the midst of parish life (i.e., baptisms, marriages, funerals).
- Ensure the multi-cultural nature of the parish fully reflects the demographics of the parish boundaries.

Year 4 (2016 – 2017) Missioning Disciples Locally

- Coordinate door-to-door evangelization efforts to reach Catholics who have never been members of the community.
- Expand ecumenical dialogue so as to encourage education about the Catholic faith to other local faith traditions.

Year 5 (2017 – 2018) Missioning Disciples Globally

- Coordinate regionally and through LPAs to broaden the reach of the church to local and regional communities.
- Begin work to expand the reach of parish communities across the diocese to other dioceses and other countries.