



Joy of the Gospel – Implementation Plan Report for Year Two 2017-18

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4. The Pastoral Plan was issued in January 2016, with Vicariate Meetings completed by the Bishop last month. Parishes worked with their 2016-17 goals last year, are now evaluating this past year and looking forward to next year. Over 95% of our parishes completed reports.

And what is the question here?

5. Again this year each parish is being asked to work on one goal (or more) for each the following priorities of the Pastoral Plan. Due July 1, 2017.

Parish Life and Liturgy

Evangelization and Discipleship

Vocations

As you look to the year beginning July 1, 2017, what is a **SMART** goal your parish can work on during the following year for each diocesan priority? Please note specifically what you are planning to do for each of the areas: In order to be most effective, this pastoral plan uses the process referred to as **S.M.A.R.T.** The goals and action items are **specific**, simply written and clearly defined. The goals are **measurable** so that Diocesan offices and parishes will be able to concretely evaluate performance. The goals are **achievable** and not out of the reach of the Diocesan ministries or those of its parishes. The goals are **results-focused** which allows Diocese offices and the parishes to confidently measure effectiveness.

Finally, the goals are *time-bound* which expects the accomplishment of a goal by a certain date or at least good progress toward that end.

The following is our response and plan for the remainder of 2017 and into 2018:

Parish Life and Liturgy

For St. Mark's, Belt: (1) More active participation at Mass among those attending; more participation at Mass from those with intermittent attendance, especially our youth. (2) Also, more education in prayer and meditation. (3) With new windows on the east and south for light and insulation, and a new metal roof, we will proceed with new windows on the north, and are considering a rose window on the western wall.

For St. Mary's, Raynesford: Active participation in liturgies is excellent. More education in prayer and meditation.

For Holy Trinity, Centerville: (1) More active participation at Mass among those attending; (2) We need to find a musician to lead us in music. Also, (3) we need more education in prayer and meditation.

Evangelization and Discipleship

St. Mark's: (1) More generous contributions to Diocesan Care & Share. (2) Outreach to shut-ins, widows, widowers in the area.

St. Mary's: Outreach to elderly, sick, and shut-ins.

Holy Trinity: Outreach to elderly, sick, and shut-ins, with a structured program of home visits.

Vocations (for all 3 parishes)

(1) I will continue to include material on vocation in homilies: that each Christian has a vocation, is a vocation; and then callings to distinct ways of life. I will present thoughts specifically on the calling to parish priesthood in homilies. Presenting the material at week-day Masses first will allow me to listen to thoughts parishioners have on the priestly vocation.

(2) The prayer for vocations I composed is being distributed. Prayers for vocations in various forms will be offered frequently.

6. Is there anything else that you would like Bishop Warfel or diocesan leadership to be aware of with regard to the implementation of the Pastoral Plan.

Yes. There is a very high need for our faithful Catholics to learn modes of prayer that help them to grow spiritually and personally. Many stay with forms of prayer learned in childhood, and do not attempt to "launch out into the deep" (Lk 5).

Respectfully submitted,
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