



# A BLESSED PAST A FUTURE OF hope

## A PARISH LISTENS AND RESPONDS PASTORAL PLANNING PRIORITIES

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The publication of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter, *Come - Live in the Light!*, following the listening sessions and several months of planning by members of the Bishop's staff, identified - from all the input of the diocese - three major areas of pastoral ministry and service.

Our parish of Santa Maria del Mar, during our Discover & Dream Process, also identified many areas of pastoral ministry and service. All feedback was reviewed, analyzed and categorized by our Parish Council.

This document is a presentation of the integral connection between diocesan and local parish discovering and dreaming - a vision of communion!

**Our Parish's Mission Statement is:**  
**"Extending Mary's 'Yes' to bring Christ into the world."**

*We live this mission statement by committing ourselves to the living the Four Pillars of Stewardship - Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service - as we respond wholeheartedly to God's love with courage, creativity, and compassion.*

### THE THREEFOLD PLAN

Listening with the Ear of the Heart

- 1. Proclaiming the Gospel: Sharing the Faith**
  - \* Promote an environment of life-long learning in the faith.
    - Spiritual University/Adult Faith Formation
    - Weekly Bible Study with the Pastor
    - Monthly Healing Ministry Formation with the Pastor
    - Pastor's special classes
  - \* Share the Good News of Jesus Christ in a personal, heartfelt way.
    - Neo Catechumenal Way Community
    - Teams of Our Lady
    - Evangelization Team (*in process*)
  - \* Accompany the process of conversion from a sense of belonging to an embrace of mutual responsibility.
    - Spiritual Mentoring Guild
    - RCIA Mystagogical Formation
    - Neo Catechumenal Way Community
  - \* Provide quality formation for all parish leaders.
  - \* Improve Communications, especially in the relationship between parishioners and parish leadership.
    - Computer generated Phone Tree
    - Bulletin
    - Website
    - Facebook
    - Gathering Area TV Screens
    - Meaningful, Christ- centered conversations
    - Newsletter (*in process*)
    - Creating a suggestion /feedback form (*in process*)

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#### 2. Enriching Parish Life: Living the Faith

- \* Celebrate the Mass with reverence and prayerfulness.
  - Liturgy Committee
  - School of Contemplative Prayer Mass
  - Youth Liturgy
  - Children's Liturgy
- \* Expand outreach to the poorest in our local community.
  - Saint Vincent de Paul
  - Family to Family
  - Bunnell Cold Weather Shelter, *Ministry Partner*
  - Saint Gerard House, *Ministry Partner*
  - Family Life Center, *Ministry Partner*
  - Bunnell Free Clinic, *Ministry Partner*
  - Ideas for Soup Kitchen (*in process*)
  - Ideas for Day Center for the homeless (*in process*)
- \* Cultivate a sense of belonging and a profound sense of sacred hospitality.
  - Personal visiting of newly registered parishioners (Legion of Mary)
  - Pizza with the Pastor (monthly)
  - Other hospitality events
  - Name tag Sunday (quarterly)
  - Praying for new members in the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Mass.
  - Centering Prayer Groups
  - Meeting with a spiritual mentor (*in process*)
- \* Acknowledge lavishly the gifts and talents of our parishioners.
  - Appreciation dinners for Stewards of the Week
  - Father Al's Thank You Concert
  - Ministry Participants' Christmas Party

#### 3. Engaging Young People: Building the Faith

- \* Identify and providing for the turning corner moments of young people's lives: child to tween; tween to teen; teen to young adult; young adult to married life.
  - Faith Formation, K-5
  - The Light Program for "tweens"
  - LifeTeen: Youth Ministry
  - Jamaica Pilgrimage
  - Budding young adult program (*in process*)
  - Marriage formation program and sponsor couples
- \* Build bridges between the young people and the elders of the parish.
  - Breakfasts for our elders served by the children
  - Elders sharing their life experience with the young → people of the parish
- \* Make the ministries and the campus more family friendly.
  - Capital Campaign Projects
  - Baby-sitting services
  - Possible Day Care Center for young children
- \* Formation is a heartfelt process. Ministry is an opportunity to ignite the fire of faith, hope, and love.
  - Inspire ministry leaders to be alert to the unique spirituality of young people.

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