

DIOCESE OF PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE



Purpose:

Joyfully proclaiming, celebrating and living the love of Jesus Christ

Guiding Values:

Welcoming: *In imitation of God, engaging all with a generosity of mind, heart, and action.*

Christian Love: *Recognizing the dignity of every human person and responding with the love that each deserves as a child of God.*

Evangelization: *Encouraging and inviting persons into relationship with Jesus Christ, and forming and nurturing these relationships.*

Excellence: *Being the best stewards of the mission entrusted to each of us through our commitment to perform at the highest standards in all we do.*

Vision:

The Church Fully Alive

3 Priorities:

Forming Disciples

Inviting Others to the Faith

Disciples in Action

Forming Disciples

Helping people to grow to their full maturity in Christ based on a rich and deep understanding of Scripture and Tradition. It touches marriage and family, adult and child, leadership and discipleship, and community.

- **Launch a Lay Formation Institute** to train lay leaders with consideration to the unique needs of our smaller parishes by January 1, 2017.
- **Introduce at least 3 new diocesan initiatives to support and enhance faith formation, marriage, and family life** by January 1, 2016.

Inviting Others to the Faith

Spreading the joy of the Gospel in both word and deed to the faithful, to those who are not living their baptismal call, and to those who have never known Jesus Christ.

- **Establish an Office of Evangelization** in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee by January 1, 2016 to work with parishes and guide or enhance efforts to engage those who do not know the faith, have left the faith or are unengaged in their Catholic faith.

Disciples in Action

Living out our baptismal call and modeling Christ's love we serve the poor and our neighbors in need.

- **Convene an Advocacy and Justice Team** to enhance and promote Catholic Social Teaching at the parish level by September 15, 2015.
- **Build coordination of care model for efficient outreach to those in need** throughout the diocese by July 1, 2016.
- **Increase volunteer outreach to the poor and marginalized** by 10% by September 30, 2016.