

Pastoral Council

Initial Gathering 2/25/20

Pastoral Council

Our Mission

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. - Matthew 16:19-20

A Visioning Team

Form in Spring 2020, explore “discipleship” as the foundation of the vision
Start the work of visioning in Fall 2020
Vision “Plan” for 3-5 years by end of 2020

A Leadership Team

Implement the vision starting in 2021

Our Team

Scott Aakre, Bartholomew Assogba, Mary Barinka, Jaci Brennan, Shelley King, Reine Larsen, Jerry McCarthy, Jake Nelsen, Justin O'Donnell, Lance Srp, Penny Tupy, Jeff Zadow

Discipleship: The Foundation of the Vision

“There is a chasm the size of the Grand Canyon between the Church’s sophisticated theology of the lay apostolate and the lived spiritual experience of the majority of our people. And this chasm has a name: discipleship. ... The majority of even “active” American Catholics are still at an early, essentially passive stage of spiritual development.” - Forming Intentional Disciples 11

We need to become a community of missionary disciples:

- Disciples, followers who are truly rooted in a relationship with God
- Missionary, in that we take up the Great Commission (Matthew 16:19-20)

Our response needs to be not a program, but a method:

- The focus is on discipleship (the heart), not knowledge (the head)
- Main goal is to follow Jesus's method of discipling others by:
 - Encountering God (personal relationship with God)
 - Accompanying one another (holy friendship)
 - Building community (lead to sacraments, build parish community)
 - Sending on mission (spiritual multiplication)

Envisioning Discipleship in Austin, MN

How would you define the word disciple?

What would a parish full of these disciples look like?

How do we help people grow in discipleship...

in their daily life at home?

within the parish community?

The Pastoral Council Commitment

Pray

Pray for and with the team; start our meetings with Adoration

Continue to grow in your own prayer life

Read "Start with Jesus"

Explores how and why to become disciples personally and as a parish

Reading schedule TBD (at home)

Gather

Meetings will include prayer, discussion of readings, brainstorming, guided activities (such as surveys, witness talks, assessment tools), setting goals, defining action steps, and more

Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary to be elected at next meeting

Adoration

As we gather in Adoration to start our meetings, and for your own prayer and discipleship, consider using the following method to grow your relationship with God:

A - Acknowledge where you are at this moment physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually

R - Relate your present experience to God, giving it all to Him and finding Him in the midst

R - Receive what God has to give you, some feeling, message, or other sign of His love

R - Respond to His love in your prayer and in living out your daily life

