



OUR VISION: THE CHURCH FULLY ALIVE

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WHAT DOES IT MEANT TO BE A CHURCH FULLY ALIVE?

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. Our goals under this priority are:

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

INVITING OTHERS TO THE FAITH



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- Establish an Office of Evangelization by Jan. 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. Our goals under this priority are:

- Convene an Advocacy and Justice team to enhance and promote Catholic Social Teaching at the parish level, by Sept. 15, 2015.
- Build a 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 ten percent by Sept. 30, 2016.

Our vision was adopted in January 2015, after a year long Envisioning Process that saw more than 90 percent of our parishes' members gather at Listening Sessions to share their hopes, dreams and ideas for the future of our local Church. The input from these sessions was assembled and carefully considered by the bishop's Envisioning Leadership Team, with representatives from clergy and laity across the diocese.

The resulting vision was presented by Bishop Gregory Parkes on January 24, 2015 at the Celebrate Faith 2015: Hearts on Fire! conference.

VISIONING PROCESS

Since his June 2012 ordination and installation as Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Most Rev. Gregory Parkes has been asked, at nearly every turn, what his vision for the future of the diocese is. In his first year as bishop, he was able to visit almost every parish and mission, getting to know the people of the diocese and the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Bishop Parkes presented the results of the Visioning Process at the CELEBRATE FAITH 2015: HEARTS ON FIRE! in January of 2015.

For a brief summary of the Vision, please [click here](#).