



A Summary of our Local Pastoral Plan, 2016-2018

The Background: Christ's Vision, Church Vision, Diocesan Vision

- "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."—Matthew 28:19
- "Give us a holy courage to seek new paths."—Pope Francis
- "The goal of Disciples in Mission is that every Parish become a center of the New Evangelization."
—Cardinal Seán

Our Collaborative Purpose

Our purpose is to work together to offer experiences of worship, welcome, and conversation through which people can encounter God and grow in their relationship with God.

Our Collaborative Values

Desire to Grow in Relationship with God—Courage—Love for One Another—Active Participation

Our Collaborative Vision

As we seek to implement this pastoral plan, we will see concrete evidence that we have become a more vibrant, welcoming, and loving community where people at all stages of the faith journey can grow in relationship with God. Guided by our values and priorities, we will help one another become more intentional disciples who actively seek those who are not here and work together for justice and peace. Meaningful worship experiences that include a relevant message, inspiring music, and radical hospitality will engage more people, resulting in increased Mass attendance. More parishioners will give witness to their faith in order to grow our community. More men, women, and children will serve those in need and work to build the Kingdom of God. In everything we do, we will share the joy of the Gospel.

Our Collaborative Priorities and 2016-2018 Goals

Priority: Actively seeking those who are not here

- **Goal:** Between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2018, average five new families or individuals connecting to our community each month—by joining us for worship or an event, or having a conversation with a representative of the community at an outreach event.
- **Goal:** Increase the number of families participating in preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist at St. Joseph from 60 to 70, and at St. Luke from 15 to 45, by June 30, 2018.

Priority: Intentional discipleship

- **Goal:** Form 25-30 small faith-sharing groups (grade-level specific) for third-graders through eighth-graders and post-Confirmation teens by June 30, 2018. Twice a year, offer workshops on finding God, learning to pray, and worship formation to the parents of children participating in small groups.
- **Goal:** Create a Collaborative Discernment Team to promote a culture of vocations in the collaborative, with a special emphasis on promoting vocations to the diocesan priesthood, by September 30, 2016.

Priority: Work for justice and peace

- **Goal:** A hundred members of the New Roads Catholic Community actively participate (financially or through service) in two designated partner organizations relating to a single social justice issue, demonstrating our community's growing understanding of the Gospel call to work for justice and peace.

Our Collaborative Foundational Ministries

Worship—Formation—Evangelization—Outreach & Pastoral Care—Governance & Finance