Collaborative Pastoral Planning

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Road Map for our session

• Framework
• Reflect on our Witness
• Tools for Forming Missionary Disciples
• Sending Forth
Defining the terms

What do we mean by:

• Pastoral Planning?
  • Encounter?
  • Accompany?
  • Community?
  • Send?
The purpose of evangelization is to lead people to encounter Christ.
Accompany
“Follow me” (Mt 9:9)

The response to this encounter with Christ needs accompaniment.

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Community
“Remain in me” (Jn 15:4)

Evangelization invites people to the Body of Christ, which is the Catholic Church. (page 16)
Send

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19)

Evangelization leads disciples to accept God’s desire to send them on mission. (page 17)
Engagement

- Greek to Me
- Service
- Growing the Parish
- Missionary Discipleship
Encounter with Jesus Christ

“Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.”

(Luke 24:15-16)
Encounter with Jesus Christ

- Starting with self, then assisting others
- Reflect on and name an experience of encounter
- Share with those around you
Questions for Reflection

• Do I have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

• In what ways do I cultivate this friendship with Jesus and his Church?

• How do I help others grow in their relationship with Christ and the Church?

• What opportunities does the parish provide to cultivate ongoing encounters with Jesus?
Pastoral Plan for Missionary Discipleship

Six Dimensions to Consider
During a Pastoral Planning Process

1. Permeated with Prayer
2. Focused on Fruitfulness
3. Requires Leaders
4. Rooted in the Teachings of Our Faith and Supported by Foundational Pastoral Practices
5. Engages and Inspires People Through a Culture of Encounter and Accompaniment, Building Strong and Trusting Relationships
6. Requires Intentional Stewardship
Permeated with Prayer
Focused on Fruitfulness
Requires Leaders

Pastoral Leaders Embrace:

• Pastoral Formation
• Spiritual Formation
• Human Formation
• Intellectual Formation

Pastoral Leaders are Interculturally Competent
Rooted in the Teaching of our Faith and Supported by Foundational Pastoral Practices
Requires Intentional Stewardship

• Managing, Supervising, and Developing People

• Sound Business Practices and Ethical Standards
Engages and Inspires People Through a Culture of Encounter and Accompaniment, Building Strong and Trusting Relationships

1. Engaging Others Through Christian Witness in Everyday Life
2. Creating an Atmosphere of Invitation, Hospitality, and Trust
3. Building Collaborative Relationships, Teamwork, and Commitment
4. Welcoming and Embracing Ethnically Diverse Communities
Co-Responsibility for the Mission of Christ and the Church

“Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: “We have always done it this way.”

I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities...

The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters, and especially under the leadership of the bishops, in a wise and realistic pastoral discernment.” (Evangelii Gaudium, 33)
Questions?