

All Called to Christ Area Catholic Community – Strategic Plan

While our attention is heavily directed these days to the COVID-19 outbreak, we also look to the future of our parishes and the Area Catholic Communities that have been formed. The importance of community and solidarity with one another have been reinforced in unexpected ways in these past weeks, and we have seen how working together can achieve things we cannot do alone.

In this period when folks may have more time, I am sharing the Strategic Plan that has been developed with great collaboration by the ACC Planning Council over the course of about eight months. This plan was approved by Bishop Kettler and the Diocesan Planning Council without any changes in early March, and will be posted on the diocesan website (along with the other 28 ACC plans from across the diocese) at the end of April.

In this time when we are not printing paper bulletins, find the Plan on your parish's website:

www.holyspiritstcloud.net

www.stanthonys.net

www.stjohncantius.org

The Plan is a vision for the future growth of our Catholic presence in three “tiers”: first, to improve the engagement of our current membership; second, to grow our communities with new parishioners; and third, to enhance our Catholic presence in the broader community by involvement in outreach compatible with our Catholic mission in the world. Each of these “tiers” answers to the command of Jesus to “go and make disciples.”

Implementation of this plan will begin as soon as feasible with incremental steps like a shared bulletin, an ACC name and logo, and the creation of joint pastoral council structures that assure we are all working together on the same things. Future implementation steps will be decided as time goes on and specific needs and opportunities become clear.

We will share the Plan again when things return to normal, realizing that some may not have the time to give attention to it right now. But take a look as you are able at the vision created by your ACC representatives to be a more effective sign of Christ's presence in our world.