


**ENVISION**  
Planning Our Parish Future

**Planning with an Evangelizing Perspective**



A Ministry of the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



**An Evangelizing Perspective**



Evangelization means to tell the good news, the good news of Jesus Christ.

2

---

---

---


---

---

---


---

---



**The Gospel of Matthew**

*Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and teach them to observe all the commands that I gave you (28:19-20).*



3

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

 **Bringing the Good News**

- into every human situation
- for conversion through the power of the Gospel
- bearing fruit by
  - changed lives, and
  - a changed world



4

---

---

---


---

---

---

---

---

 **Go and Make Disciples**

*A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States, 1992*

- A vision of Catholic evangelization
- Three primary goals
- Thirty objectives flowing from the three goals
- 156 strategies touching on every area of Catholic parish life

5

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

 **Go and Make Disciples:  
Goals and Strategies**

<p><b>Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to live our faith more fully and joyfully</li><li>• to invite others to hear the Good News and share our faith</li><li>• to foster Gospel values for the transformation of world and society</li></ul>		<p><b>Strategies</b> (examples)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• deepen scriptural &amp; sacramental sense</li><li>• to create welcoming attitude along with skills for faith-sharing</li><li>• strengthening everyday involvement, with needy &amp; all aspects of society</li></ul>
--	---	--

6

---

---

---


---

---

---

---

---

 **Personal Reflection**

How likely are you to:

1=Not at All 2=Only a Little 3=Somewhat 4=Very Much

1. Invite someone to attend one of our parish services or activities?
2. Invite someone to join our parish?
3. Sponsor someone who wants to become Catholic?
4. Encourage someone to return to the practice of their Catholic faith?
5. Talk to someone about my faith?
6. Regularly spend time in personal prayer?
7. Spend time learning more about my faith?
8. Regularly read the Bible?
9. Participate in a small faith-sharing group?
10. Give service on behalf of the poor?
11. Participate in community efforts to create a more just society?
12. Volunteer for a parish ministry?
13. Contribute generously to the support of the parish?

7

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

 **Rating Your Parish**

- How would you rate your parish community as a place that supports and encourages parishioners to live their faith more fully?

1 not evangelizing 5 10 highly evangelizing

8

---

---

---

---

---


---

---

---

---

---

 **Brainstorming**

Name something about your parish

- that supports an evangelizing perspective (“glads”)
- that hinders or prohibits an evangelizing perspective (“sads”)

9

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

 **What are some solutions leading to change?**

- Some common solutions fall short

 **Just focus on the positive**

 **Give everyone a job to do**

 **Set up separate committees for each area**

10

---

---

---


---

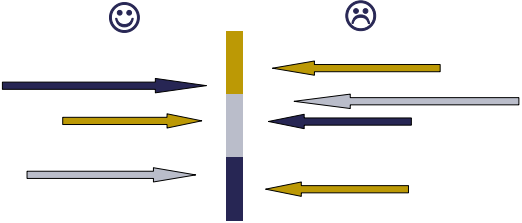
---

---

---

---

 **Focus on the positive**



**Drawback:** As positives strengthen, so too with tension and resistance, because resistance won't go away by itself.

11

---

---

---


---

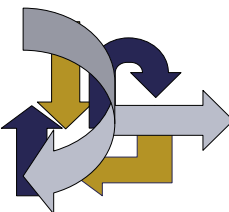
---

---

---

---

 **Keep everyone busy**



**Drawback:** The admirable workers are going off in different directions with different agendas, and energy is too diffused.

12

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Assign areas to groups

Drawback: Competition for resources and energy creates a "bad news" environment.

13

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Integration: a solution that works

14

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Effective Change

Dissatisfaction  
X  
Vision  
X  
First Steps

> Resistance to Change\*

\*from Robert W. Jacobs, *Real Time Strategic Change*  
(San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 1994), p. 122.

15

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

 **Focus** → **Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ**

Through a pastoral plans that answers:  
What do we need to do so that in three years,

- we are living our faith more fully?
- we are more welcoming towards others by inviting them to join us in faith?
- we are more actively transforming the world in Christ?

16

---

---

---


---

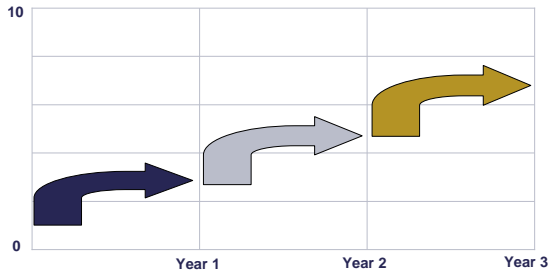
---

---

---

---

 **Improvement with focus:**  
**results over a long-term period**



17

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

 **Next Session**



**The process and resources for ENVISION: Planning Our Parish Future®**

18

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---