

Strategic Planning Update – May 2019

How can we best accomplish what God has in mind for us? How can we best use the gifts and talents of the people who are a part of this parish to achieve great things? These are important questions, and we are constantly talking about them here at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

In 2013, the Pastoral Council and Property and Finance Committee initiated a process that engaged the parish community and its various committees and groups to develop the Parish's first Strategic Action Plan.

We achieved a number of objectives but recognized last year that it was time to revisit the plan and review the spiritual, fiscal, and operational health of our parish. In Spring 2018, the Pastoral Council and Property and Finance Committee enlisted the expertise of parishioner Carol Gabanna on a voluntary basis to facilitate two sessions to help identify strategic priorities. We are extremely grateful to Carol for her guidance throughout this exercise.

Since last year's sessions, the Pastoral Council has streamlined the feedback into six themes, from which to build our new strategic plan that will take us forward for the next five years.

We thank all those who contributed a year ago; however, we also recognize that some may have not had an opportunity to take part. Therefore, we invite the entire community to participate in a second feedback process we have created in Survey Monkey at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5DSNP7V>

The Survey Monkey platform will allow us to reaffirm the strategic priorities that became evident during our 2018 sessions, and give us a clearer picture of the order in which we should address them. You will also be able to add any new ideas, opinions, or comments about the some of the key aspects of our parish life together. If you prefer to complete the survey on paper, please call Elaine at the Parish office at 902-569-4769.

The survey will be administered on a confidential basis and individual responses will not be revealed. However, we hope you may also consider contributing to our plan of renewal by joining Pastoral Council (we have several openings beginning in September 2019) or volunteering at Our Lady of the Assumption in some other capacity. There will be a separate email address provided in the survey should you wish to identify your interest.

The consultation period will close on May 16, 2019 so that the Pastoral Council can then begin finalizing our plan to advance our strategic goals and achieve objectives through to 2023.

This is an exciting time for our Parish as we take important steps toward fulfilling God's purpose for us. We thank you in advance for your participation!

Sincerely,

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