

St. Elizabeth Seton Post Synod Action Plan

Priority 3: Goal 2: To draw young adults and young families back into Catholic life and worship.

Rationale: Provide young adults and young families with opportunities to gather and experience the richness of the Catholic Church and her teaching at the parish, and through service events in the church and greater community.

Smart Goal: To increase the number of young adults and young families involved in the parish.

Primary Goal Champion: ? _____

Other Key Persons for the Goal: ? _____

KEY STRATEGIES/MILESTONES RELATED TO THE GOALS

Year 1: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- = Establish an outreach think tank to develop new ministry venues that are sensitive to the time limitations of young adults and young families.
- = Create special events faith experiences that allow young adults and young families to encounter Christ and explore their faith with others outside of Mass.

Year 2: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- = Create hands-on service projects and opportunities to engage young adults in the many social services needs and social justice issues that exist in our region.
- = Provide some events with intentional child care so young parents can participate in worship, adult education and fellowship.

Year 3: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- = Inter parish celebrations of masses/devotional events, with special music/liturgical dance/ all involved.
- = Lead parish prayer services for special intentions (1-2yr).
- = Involvement in diocesan events...Rally's for Christ...walks/marches for causes.



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*JULY 1, 2018 to
JUNE 30, 2020*



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July 1, 2018 — Our Parish Vision — June 30, 2021

As we seek to implement this pastoral plan at St. Elizabeth Seton parish, we will continue to call upon the Holy Spirit to help us be a vibrant community in love with Christ.

Our parish is intentional about evangelizing and making disciples, especially by seeking out the lost in need of reconciliation and conversion of heart to God, so that we may all experience the peace and joy of a personal relationship with Jesus.

Families will discover new ways to engage in faith filled activities at church and home; our children will grow in knowledge of their religion which they show an interest in practicing. We will be an example of compassion and mercy, hospitality, and inclusiveness. All who come to experience our community will encounter a warm welcome, a feeling of acceptance, a sense of belonging, will choose to walk hand in hand with us on their spiritual journey, and will call our parish "home."

In everything we do, we shall try to reveal the presence and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, by meeting people exactly where they are in order to challenge them to take their next step as a disciple of our Savior.

Over the next three years, our priest(s), deacons, lay staff and parishioners are asked to focus our efforts on the following three pastoral priorities and associated goals, in order to bring to fulfillment the vision of our First Diocesan Synod to foster the New Evangelization in our parish and our diocese.

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Priority 3: Goal 1: To engage our teens and youth.

(Young Catholics) A Place at the table.

Rationale: Develop intentional ministry strategies that animate and inspire soon to be Confirmed and Confirmed HS and young adults in 20's and 30's.

Smart Goal: To increase teen participation at Mass and Youth events.

Primary Goal Champion: ? _____

Other Key Persons for the Goal: ? _____

KEY STRATEGIES/MILESTONES RELATED TO THE GOALS

Year 1: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- = Engage parents of teens in being part of a Youth Ministry Think Tank ministry
- = Provide a number of weekend Masses for parish Youth Ministry that are attentive to styles of music and have a focus for a teen assembly.
- = Offer teens new retreat experiences through peer ministry programs in the parish and inter parish.
- = Provide teens with different ways to explore their faith outside of Faith Formation and Mass through service and mission projects.

Year 2: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- = Combining Youth events with other parishes to enable teen greater exposure to the local church and other Catholic youth.
- = Creating intentional peer ministry opportunities for older teens to share their faith with younger parish youth.

3: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- Formation of their own special local mission project in the community and incorporate whole parish involvement, possibly inter parish involvement
- =Fundraising efforts benefiting a parish mission project.

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**Priority 2: Goal 2: To enhance Faith Formation Events and Participation.
(Discipleship/Formation)**

Rationale: St. Elizabeth Seton, will work to create new ways to help young adults and parents in the formation of their family life as a domestic church.

Smart Goal: To establish an Education and Formation Commission by April 1, 2020

Primary Goal Champion: ? _____

Other Key Persons for the Goal: ? _____

KEY STRATEGIES/MILESTONES RELATED TO THE GOALS

Year 1: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

= Pastor will invite several key parishioners/leaders to form an Education & Formation Commission.

= Form a six member team who will serve for a 3 year period on the Education & Formation Commission.

= Establish formal meetings to discuss the duties of Adult Faith Formation using Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the US.

= Identify two priority subjects and or speakers for an adult education event or program in the first year.

Year 2: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

= Create a Team responsible for inviting and scheduling Guest Speaker/Educators on various topics of Adult formation; scheduling at least four events per year.

= Establish formal guidelines for the continuation of Adult Faith Formation in the parish.

Year 3: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

= Designate plans within the parish for a Speakers Bureau and a task force to address topics that enrich all aspects of spiritual discipleship and demographics in the parish.

= Develop a survey process to identify topics of interest for all parish demographics.

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**Priority 1: Goal 1: To empower the faithful to share their faith in Jesus.
(Evangelization 1) Ambassador's for Christ**

Rationale: Providing programs and ministry opportunities that strengthen the faithful to live their lives with greater witness to Jesus by the values of the gospel as expressed in their Catholic faith.

Smart Goal: To engage 100 to 200 active parishioners in small faith sharing groups throughout the parish by the end of July 2019

Primary Goal Champion: ? _____

Other Key Persons for the Goal: ? _____

KEY STRATEGIES/MILESTONES RELATED TO THE GOALS

Year 1: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

= To divide the parish in zones for home parish small faith groups.

= Develop a number of active parishioners into small group leadership teams.

= To establish 20 to 30 small faith sharing groups for active parishioners to share their faith.

Year 2: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

= To offer new and continuing small group fellowship sessions based on a continued theme of faith in the Lord and the Church, to those who participated in small groups during the first year.

= Personal invitation/communication with new parishioners to join small faith sharing groups.

= To develop a number of small group leaders into an outreach team to invite our inactive parishioners to join in the small group ministry.

= To foster active and formerly inactive parishioners from our small faith sharing groups to mission and service.

Year 3: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

= Invite returning families to become members of an ongoing Outreach team.

= Small faith sharing groups to invite neighbors of other religions to participate in their group meeting.

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Priority 1: Goal 2: Welcoming Catholics Home (Evangelization)

Rationale: St. Elizabeth Seton will develop outreach programs to encourage Catholics to reconnect with their parish family and community.

Smart Goal: To Reconnect 20 to 50 inactive parish households to active participation in our faith community by July 2019

Primary Goal Champion: ? _____

Other Key Persons for the Goal: ? _____

KEY STRATEGIES/MILESTONES RELATED TO THE GOALS

Year 1: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- = Form a committee of elders and educate them in how to reach out and make contact with inactive Catholic families and individuals.
- = To develop a six week program, that cycles throughout the year for the lapsed inquirer.
- = To develop a multi media publicity strategy.

Year 2: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- = Continue with #1 as above .
- = Engage active parishioners with personal contact efforts to those that are still not actively involved in the life of the parish and its activities.
- = Create events designed to engage and welcome visitors to the community.

Year 3: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- = Creating a team of active parishioners that will provide support/encouragement and coaching to newly reengaged members, helping them develop a discipleship lifestyle.

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Priority 2: Goal 1: To bring Catholics back to the love of the Word and the Eucharist. (Discipleship/Formation)

Rationale: Through the dynamic celebration of the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist, St. Elizabeth Seton, will work to help members enter into a deeper relationship with our Lord and the parish community.

Smart Goal: To establish a Liturgy and Worship Commission by April 1, 2019

Primary Goal Champion: ? _____

Other Key Persons for the Goal: ? _____

KEY STRATEGIES/MILESTONES RELATED TO THE GOALS

Year 1: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- = The Director of Liturgy and Worship will invite several key parishioners/leaders to form a Spirituality and Worship Commission with memberships of a three years term
- = Educate commission members on the principles of good liturgy and worship.
- = Evaluating our liturgical practices set forth in the GIRM and the guidelines of the USCB on Liturgy and Worship.

Year 2: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- = Providing ongoing formation for liturgical ministers, greeters, musicians, cantors, etc.
- = Recruiting youth and or families into liturgical roles, building the youth choir and increasing young musicians.

Year 3: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are:

- = Great participation of parishioners in worship and roles of liturgical ministry.