

Vision 20/20: from Pentecost to Pentecost

Dear Pastors:

One of the most important tasks to insure the success of the Vision 20/20 process is the selection of leaders who will attend the Vision 20/20 Convocation in June 2019 and be responsible for the implementation of the action items your parish will want to undertake in response to this initiative. As you discern who might be called from your parish to attend this convocation please consider the following:



Each parish will have between five to ten (5-10) people that they will be able to send to the Vision 20/20 Leadership gathering on June 6-8, 2019. We will get exact numbers to you when they become available. We hope that a certain give and take among parishes might allow some parishes to send even more than their allotted number to the gathering.

Decide who needs to be consulted in order that the right men and women from your parish will attend the convocation. Who among your staff, ministry leaders, pastoral council members, or among the more engaged members in your parish should you consult? How will you make the final selection? Discernment of gifts and qualities needed for the best people needed for a task is always better than selecting people based on majority vote or popularity. Who do you, as a pastor, need to consult?

Please consider including some youth from your parish as part of your delegation. Our young people bring a unique perspective and they will be the ones who can most effectively communicate the joy of the Gospel to their generation.

What qualities are important in the person who attends the convocation? Choose people who can carry the vision of renewal and evangelization that is outlined in the Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*. Talk to parishioners and staff who are living as intentional disciples and have the vision and energy needed to carry out this important initiative. Be honest with them about the time commitment for the convocation itself – Thursday afternoon through and including Saturday morning next June 6-8, 2019. Also, they should be aware that their role just begins with the convocation and they need to be committed to the process that will follow into the next year. (see immediately below)

What commitment is needed? We hope they may have attended the listening session in your parish or are aware of the issues raised in the session. They need to be committed to the convocation and for implementing the directives your parish wants to implement after the convocation and during the next year that will lead up to the Diocesan celebration in June 2020.

Additional thoughts: Now is the time to begin thinking about the above issues and selecting those from your parish who will be committed to the Vision 20/20 process and convocation. The earlier you get your participants/leaders on board, the better it will be for you to develop the team that will help renew your parish and carry the vision of *The Joy of the Gospel* to your people.