



Implementation Update #5

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Diocesan Implementation Commission

This week the Cohort Implementation Plans have been handed over to the men and women of the Diocesan Implementation Commission. They will read the plans and prepare their initial thoughts in advance of the Commission Retreat on June 20 and 21st.

The Implementation Commission is comprised of 22 members from all four counties, and includes lay men and women, religious sisters, deacons and priests. They have been chosen for their experience in different parishes and various ministry areas. These include liturgical ministries, youth ministry, communications, social services, organizations, religious education, adult formation, RCIA, sacramental preparation, Catholic School teaching & administration, Hispanic ministry, business and financial management, along with pastoral ministry and preaching. Members of the Commission will serve a two-year term. 14 of the 22 served on the Planning Commission in 2016; 8 are new to the role.

How to Create and Maintain a Great Parish

The front page of The Spring 2017 **CARA Report** features a recent book by author William E. Simon, Jr., based on research done by *Parish Catalyst*. In summary, the study revealed four essential qualities that characterize the most successful Catholic parishes. How does your parish measure up?

1. Great Parishes Share Leadership
2. Great Parishes Foster Spiritual Maturity and Plan for Discipleship
3. Great Parishes Excel on Sundays
4. Great Parishes Evangelize

To learn more, go to <https://www.parishcatalyst.org/>
or pick up Great Catholic Parishes: How Four Essential Practices Make them Thrive, by William E. Simon, Jr., published by Ave Maria Press, 2016