

St. John Vianney Parish and the Synod of the Diocese of Burlington

CHRIST OUR HOPE, the April 16, 2019 Synod document, promulgated by Bishop Coyne, called all parishes in our Diocese to engage in a planning process aimed at making them more vibrant in the life of Christ and in evangelization. The parish survey in March, 2019 was a first step. Please find here some of the responses to the parish survey which have been influential in crafting our parish goals.

The parish survey was given in March and ***over half*** of our adult Mass-attending parishioners responded! Thank you!

Survey Results:

Opportunities for Growth

- Increase those who would “recommend our parish’s religious education to a friend” and increase “support from our parish to help children grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ”

Response: St. John Vianney has hired a Director of Religious Education and revamped our programs. The planning team also has an action item that includes, “creation of a Youth Ministry Team.”

- Improve responses to, “my parish helps me grow spiritually” in various categories

Response: The planning team has action items related to, “the corporal and spiritual works of mercy” and “prayer programs.”

Survey Results: Parish Strengths

- 90% of parishioners who responded to the survey said they “would recommend our parish to a friend”
- In the section titled, “Personal Religious Beliefs”, over 90% of parishioners who responded to the survey responded “Agree” or “Strongly Agree” to questions regarding commitment to the beliefs of our faith

Response: The planning team has set an action item to honor these strengths with, “elements of hospitality at our parish Mass.”

In response to *Christ our Hope*, and the survey, we have two overall goals, each very simple but very important!

FIRST, to be more vibrant as a parish, bringing more people to the celebration of our parish Masses, through hospitality, outreach, devotion, and prayer.

and

SECOND, to engage more parishioners in new and more fervent evangelizing works of the Church, bringing good news and life-changing charity to those most in need.

To support these goals, our planning process continues with ongoing communication to parishioners, as numerous initiatives and programs are in the works for our parish. These include:

- Elements of hospitality at our parish Masses
- Occasions to equip more parishioners in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy
- The creation of a Youth Ministry Team with a revitalized parish Religious Education Program
- Prayer programs to ask graces upon our parishioners and family members

If any of this resonates with you and you would like to be part of this spiritual renovation project, please speak with Father Tim, Father Steven, or the leaders of our parish ministries and social outreach works. God bless you.

