

A COMMUNITY OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

**A PASTORAL PLAN FOR THE DIOCESE OF
LEXINGTON**

EVANGELIZATION

GOAL 1: ENGAGING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS MORE EFFECTIVELY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- 1. How can we implement this goal on a Deanery level?**
 - A. Have all the youth at each Deanery coming together.**
 - a. Field Day**
 - b. Sports**
 - c. Youth Mission Trip**
 - d. Retreat Day**
- 2. How can we implement this goal on a parish level?**
 - A. Ask the youth what interests them.**
 - B. Ask the youth how they feel they could be more involved.**
 - C. Rent a van when needed for activities so the entire youth can be together vs going in separate cars.**
 - D. Share the Catholic faith by having the youth bring non Catholics friends to Mass. Consider setting aside a specific weekend once every six months.**
 - E. Have the youth at each parish invite nonparticipating youths to join in their youth group.**
 - F. If possible have young adults be trained chaperones.**
 - G. Have a youth represent the Youth Group at the Parish Pastoral Council meetings.**
 - H. Encourage the youth to volunteer at the local Right to Life Center.**
 - I. Have the youth experience the waiting room of the jail.**

- J. Encourage more participation at Mass.**
- K. Have parishioners and youth evangelize and support youth who may be living in a dysfunctional environment, experiencing peer pressure, and/or experiencing identity crisis.**

**GOAL 2: FOSTERING MUTUAL RESPECT THROUGH DIALOGUE,
LEARNING TO BECOME A LISTENING CHURCH.**

- 1. Appoint a parishioner from the parish to represent St. William/Sylvester on the “Dialogue Task Force” identifying resources and planning events for the Deanery.**
- 2. Handout Catholic material at functions.**
 - A. Have information on how to say the rosary including the history of the rosary and why Catholics say the rosary.**
 - B. Have information on the Divine Mercy including history and why Catholics say the Divine Mercy.**
 - C. Have Catholic material at the Saint Joseph Hospital gift shop.**
 - D. Verify periodically (at least once a year) hotels has updated material on church times and location (address/map).**
 - E. Verify the Tourist Commission has the churches mass times and location (address/map).**
 - F. Keep website updated.**
 - G. Have someone from diocese help achieve above goals if needed.**
- 3. Resume jail ministry.**
- 4. Have a weather resistant box by sign at the end of the drive off of 5th Street on information about the Catholic faith. Will box be vandalized?**
- 5. Have suggestion box in gathering space. Have index cards and pencils beside box.**
- 6. Set up trainings for interested parishioners on “How to reach out to non-participating Catholics.” It would be more effective if 20-30 year old participating Catholics would reach out to this age group.**

GOAL THREE: COLLABORATING WITH OUR ECUMENICAL FAMILY TO STRENGTHEN CHRISTIAN PUBLIC WITNESS

- 1. Distribute fliers with the Mass times in the Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Giving, Welcome Brunch, Homeless Shelter, etc. Encouraging and welcoming all recipients to attend Mass.**
- 2. Encourage the young people to be more involved in outreach.**
- 3. Promote parishioners to volunteer at Christian Care Community (CCC). Educating parishioners on the history of the development of CCC.**
- 4. Network with other denominations during the Easter Week Ecumenical lunches.**
- 5. Welcoming non-Catholics so they feel more comfortable when attending Mass. When the ushers/parishioners see someone who is unfamiliar direct them to the cards and missals in the pews to help follow along. Have small booklets in the gathering space explaining the mass.**
- 6. Invite other Christian denominations to experience the Stations of the Cross each Lent.**

- A. Gather material.**
 - B. Identify people who have not been to mass including names from list 2 years ago.**
 - C. Have paper and pencil in pews. Announce at mass for parishioners to list anyone they have not seen at mass and who may be interested in participating in the Evangelization Outreach.**
 - D. Put Evangelization Outreach in bulletin.**
- 7. Encouraged watching and downloading EWTN app.**