

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

*Parish*

TRANSFORMATION



**St. Raymond de Penafort**

Meeting 2

**Tuesday, Sept 22**



# AGENDA

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- Opening Prayer
- Welcome/ Introductions
- Brief Review of PT
- Making Christ's Mission Our Own
- Parish Overview
- Questions and Next Steps
- Closing Prayer



# WELCOME

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- Welcome
- Meeting 1 Review
  - Parish Transformation Objectives and Process
- Meeting 2 Objectives
  - Understand the importance of mission at the heart of parish life
  - Review parish history and current situation to establish a common understanding

# INTRODUCTIONS

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- Please share:
  - Name
  - Most meaningful Bible story



# BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

## ACTION PLANNING



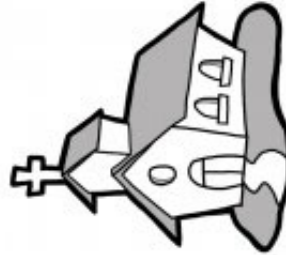
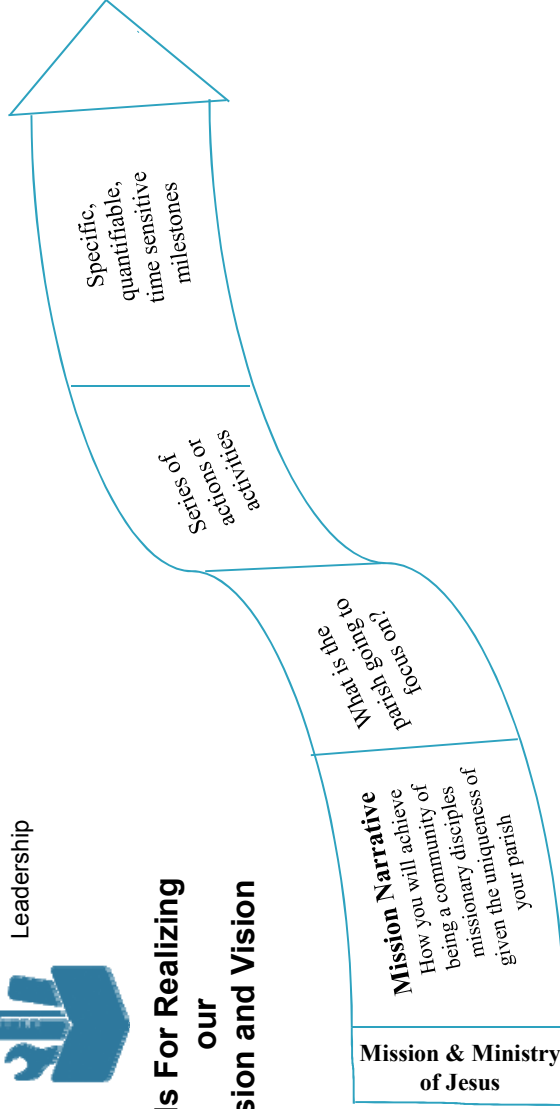
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Communication

Leadership

Tools For Realizing  
our  
Mission and Vision



Today's Parish

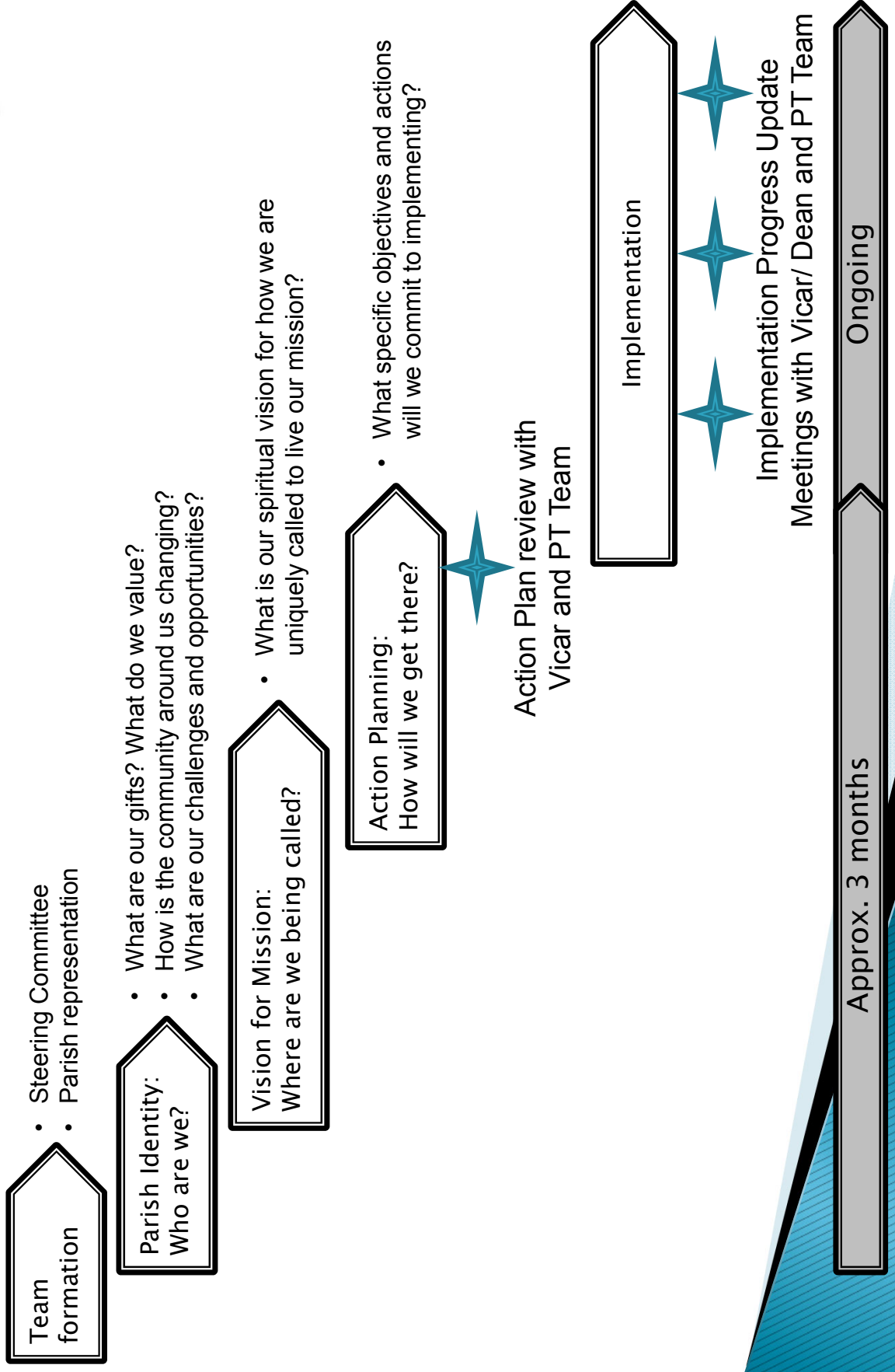
Building Blocks

Missionary Spirit	Call to Holiness	Spiritual Stewardship
Evangelization	Catechesis	Prayer and Worship
		Communion





# HOW DOES PARISH TRANSFORMATION WORK?





## MISSION NARRATIVE

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**The Mission Narrative articulates who we are and where we are called to go:**

- Mission Narrative is our ‘spiritual vision’ that will provide the inspiration for our action plan
- Mission Narrative should be:
  - Gospel-based
  - Concrete & imaginative
  - Distinctive to parish’s time and place
  - Aspirational
  - Long-term in vision
- Note that the purpose is not to replace the mission statement

# ACTION PLAN



## C) Actions required to strengthen our foundations

Our focus areas (select up to 3):

<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catechesis	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer and Worship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communion
<input type="checkbox"/> Missionary Spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> Call to Holiness	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Stewardship	

Objectives and Actions	Time	Owner	Staff Liaison	Measurable Goal
<b>Focus Area #1: Catechesis</b> 1. Enhance our offerings to youth and young adults <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish new teen program integrating social and apostolic dimensions</li> <li>Develop electronic catechesis program using social media</li> </ul> 2. Develop new family-oriented Religious Education program for our children and parents	Fall 2012	JS, NG, GR	RL	X teens and young adults participating in our programs
<b>Focus Area #2: Communion</b> 1. Foster greater unity and understanding among our multi-cultural community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold multi-cultural Masses once a month (i.e., combine English and Spanish Masses)</li> <li>Hold monthly social events that take advantage of our cultural heritage</li> </ul>	Spring 2012	CM, MM, MD	RL	Positive reviews from parents in survey
				Greater visible sense of multi-cultural unity; visible crossing of lines of friendship





# YOUR FEEDBACK – PARISHIONER SURVEY

- A tool to help with Mission discernment
- Requests input from entire parish, including personal perspectives
  - Evaluating the parish
  - Gauging interest in specific actions
  - Self-reflection
- Anonymous, but allows specific open ended comments



## Parish Transformation Survey

Thank you for your participation in the Parish Transformation survey for our parish. Your feedback is very important to us and will help our parish more vibrantly and effectively live out the mission of Christ. All answers will be kept confidential.

Please circle your response to each statement. If you are unsure of an answer, please circle N/A.

Please write the name of your parish: \_\_\_\_\_

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Idiosyncratic Name or N/A
1. My parish inspires me to grow closer to God.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
2. My parish is a role model other Catholic parishes should follow.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
3. My parish community cares about me.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
4. My parish values the diversity of our parishioners.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
5. I believe a new parishioner would say my parish is welcoming.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
6. My parish devotes an appropriate amount of energy to serving the poor.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
7. The preaching in my parish inspires me to actively live out my faith.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
8. The way my parish celebrates Mass inspires me to active worship during Mass.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
9. The music at Mass enriches my parish's worship.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
10. My parish effectively supports families in forming their children in faith.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
11. My parish offers learning opportunities that meet my spiritual needs.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
12. My parish offers prayer opportunities that meet my spiritual needs.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
13. My parish offers service opportunities that meet my spiritual needs.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
14. My parish is a responsible steward of the resources I contribute.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
15. My Catholic faith influences my daily decisions and relationships.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
16. I am comfortable discussing my Catholic faith outside of a church setting.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
17. I would like to learn practical ways I can evangelize in my daily life.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
18. I would like to better understand why we use certain rituals in the Mass.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
19. If I were asked, I would volunteer more time to my parish.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
20. I understand the current financial status of my parish.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A



## MISSION REFLECTION

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**As we enter into the Parish Transformation process, it is important to allow enough time for prayerful reflection:**

- Before we can develop an action plan, we need to reflect on what mission means and who we are as a parish
- We should evaluate the world around us... how has our local community changed and how might that impact our mission?
- It is important to allow time for prayerful reflection and discernment of where the Holy Spirit is calling us to go... Parish Transformation is not meant to simply be a corporate planning process
- As specific ideas for action arise, let's keep them in a 'parking lot' we can pick up later in the process

**“Patient Trust”**



# Making Christ's Mission Our Own



## MISSION AT THE HEART OF PARISH LIFE

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### Small Group Discussion Questions (~7-8 minutes):

- What do I understand to be the mission and ministry of Jesus?
- How is our parish serving as a missionary today?
- What are the challenges / roadblocks that may be getting in the way of serving as missionaries in our communities?



# PARISH OVERVIEW



# Questions?





## HOMEWORK ITEM – PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE

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### Homework:

- Over the next week, think about what you believe are the parish's Pearls of Great Price
  - What do I value most about our parish?
  - What positive feedback do I hear about our parish from visitors or neighbors?
- Ask others what they believe to be the parish's Pearls of Great Price

### Notes:

- As much as possible, refrain from identifying individual people as the parish's Pearls of Great Price. We should celebrate these individuals, but the parish remains long after individuals may leave.
- If a welcoming or family atmosphere is what you believe to be the parish's pearl, what actions, relationships, or ministries supports that atmosphere?  
How would you explain it to someone who has never visited the parish?



## NEXT STEPS

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- Complete the PT Survey (if you have not already done so) and encourage others to complete the survey as well
- Read and reflect upon pages [22-23](#) of the Mission Workbook in preparation for our next meeting
- Next Parish Transformation meeting:

**Tuesday, Sept 29**

**7-9pm**