

**Archdiocese of Louisville
Parish Discernment Process
Final Report**

The Parish Discernment Process has provided Epiphany Catholic Church with opportunities to gather as a parish family and through prayer, reflection, dialogue and discernment has invited us to discover God's hope for our parish community. What has made this discernment process unique is its emphasis on the fundamental question, Lord, what is your will for our parish, especially in the areas of Family Life, Education and Formation, Service and Outreach. We believe that the priority goals that have resulted from this process represent our best efforts to discern God's will and respond in the most appropriate and effective ways possible.

I. Family Life

What is God's hope for our parish? As a result of prayer, reflection and discussion among parish leaders, here are 2-3 ways in which we believe the Lord is calling us to go:

- **Define "families"**
- **Promote Social Events for fellowship**
- **Develop Intergenerational activities**
- **Plan life skills presentations**

How will we get there together? Here are some specific programs and activities that we want to adopt (or strengthen) as a means of growing Family Life in our parish:

- 1. Develop a project to explore and define what family means, i.e.. single, friends, parent/ child/ grandchild, etc. Invite responses to "who is family for you?" those you live with, work with, play with, feel connected to, etc.? And invite photos to make a collage of what family means.**
- 2. Promote social events that will support our effort for expanding relationships and fellowship.**
- 3. Continue to promote intergenerational activities in our parish.**
- 4. Establish life skills presentations with speakers for specific stages of family life.**

Resources we would find helpful are:
Family Ministries Office

II. Education and Formation

What is God's hope for our parish? As a result of prayer, reflection and discussion among parish leaders, here are 2-3 ways in which we believe the Lord is calling us to go:

- **Invite speakers to address contemporary issues.**
- **Continue developing social media and technology.**

How will we get there together? Here are some specific programs and activities that we want to adopt (or strengthen) as a means of growing Family Life in our parish:

- 1. Develop a series of formation opportunities with quality speakers to address contemporary issues through the lens of our Catholic faith.**
- 2. Continue developing social media and technology to communicate education and formation opportunities while recognizing the need to provide printed materials.**

Resources we would find helpful are:

III. **Service and Outreach**

What is God's hope for our parish? As a result of prayer, reflection and discussion among parish leaders, here are 2-3 ways in which we believe the Lord is calling us to go:

- **Increase awareness of Epiphany's ministries already in place**
- **Serve the homebound**
- **Emphasis on Latino / Hispanic and Deaf Communities**

How will we get there together? Here are some specific programs and activities that we want to adopt (or strengthen) as a means of growing Family Life in our parish:

- 1. Focus on increasing awareness of what Epiphany does and has to offer in service both in the parish and beyond.**
- 2. Look for additional opportunities to serve homebound parishioners and assigned nursing home facilities.**
- 3. Continue fostering our diverse cultural and spiritual experience with our Latino/Hispanic and Deaf Communities.**

Resources we would find helpful are:

Family Ministries Office

Multi-Cultural Office

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