**Vision 20/20 Parish Conversation Reports**

**Executive Summary**

1. **What did we hear?** 
   * Accompaniment, encounter, missionary discipleship, inclusion
   * Listen, invite, pray… and then really listen
   * Exude joy… reflect the joy of encountering Christ
   * Hospitality… and invitation
   * Through baptism, evangelization is everyone’s responsibility
   * The demographics of the church are changing… We need to change
   * We have been sacramentalized and catechized but not evangelized
   * We are losing our youth
   * We have already become a multi-cultural church
   * No easy answers, this is a long process, need patience
   * Less emphasis on rule following, more on the Good News
   * The road to Emmaus can teach us about our road to evangelization
   * We need to encounter Jesus
2. **What does it mean for our parish?**
   * Listen, invite, involve and reach out to our youth
   * Ask people what they want/ Ask the right questions
   * Learn to tell our faith stories
   * Enhance our prayer life
   * Learn to pray spontaneously
   * Transform the parish into a community of disciples
   * Invite people to Mass, dinner, coffee… meet them on the margins
   * Build one-on-one relationships/ connections within the parish
   * Time for lay people to step up… priests cannot do this alone
   * Engage our young adults/ young families/ newly married couples
   * Be more open, welcoming… and invitational
   * Build bridges to Hispanic community
   * Incorporate evangelization into faith formation, sacramental prep
   * Engage in multi-cultural conversations, e.g. potlucks
   * Engage in multi-generational conversations
   * Conduct a parish survey to get ideas/ opinions
   * Socialize, especially around food
   * Develop multiple social media accounts for the parish
   * Revamp new member process/ more accompaniment
   * Circulate the Vision 20/20 audios and videos
   * Small group interaction, e.g. Emmaus groups, Bible Study
3. **What help do we need? \***
   * Prayers… the help of Jesus
   * Movement of the Holy Spirit… keep the fire going
   * Network with neighboring parishes/ deaneries on speakers, retreats
   * We need to know:
     1. What are next diocesan steps in the Vision 20/20 process?
     2. How should our parish Vision 20/20 core groups operate?
     3. How do we share the glow of Vision 20/20 with the whole parish?
   * More emphasis on how this works in smaller, rural parishes
   * We need training in:
     1. Technology, websites, social media, Flocknote, phone apps
     2. How to listen, communicate, hold conversations
     3. How to tell our faith stories
     4. How to start faith conversations
     5. How to dialogue with other cultures
     6. How to build a hospitality ministry
     7. How to raise up new leaders
     8. How to work as a team
     9. How to infuse evangelization into all parish commissions
     10. How to handle the tough questions (LGBTQ, sexual misconduct)
     11. How to identify lapsed Catholics
   * Diocesan resources: time, money, staff, programs, facilitation
   * Materials, tools, resources, programs about evangelization
   * We need support from the clergy
   * Help us figure out how to measure success and failure, set goals
   * Humility, patience
   * Some ask to be held accountable for follow-up
   * Some want regular check-ins from the Diocese/ others need no assistance

\* Some parish reports had very specific requests that are not all named in their specificity. It is critical that each individual report is studied by whomever is working with that parish.

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