

The Power of Vision: II

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VISION

- W Inspires Spontaneity and Creativity
- W Energizes and promotes action
- W Initiates pro-active responding vs. reacting
- W Reveals Possibilities otherwise missed
- W Creates a fluid plan that is flexible and adaptable to future challenges
- W Draws you forward towards Success

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The Power

- w Vision makes Possibilities become Reality
- w Others only see impossibilities and do NOTHING while you are busily achieving the “impossible”
- w The power of the vision stretches you to make better use of resources that normally would only be minimally utilized or even ignored
- w It inspires creativity, resourcefulness, action
- w It empowers you to do what you were always capable of doing but thought you couldn't do

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Responsibility

- w We are Responsible for the Future of our Faith Community.
- w = Response + ability
- w Accepting responsibility means that we are “Able to Respond”
- w SEE a Future for our Faith Community
- w SEE that we are pro-Active in making it Happen

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Steps to the FUTURE

1. Commit to having Vision
2. Create a powerful and compelling Vision
3. Brainstorm the details of how to “DO IT”
4. Assemble the plan
5. Implement the plan
(remember to take baby steps)
6. Revise the ongoing plan with fluid Re-Visioning

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Ready for Step 1

Commit to having VISION

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How will a powerful and compelling vision help this Tri-Parish process?

Positives:

- w Get to plan / be an active consideration in the planning
- w Keep the Faith alive and well
- w Flexibility, Hope, Adaptability
- w Inspired, Trusting, Purposeful
- w Vibrant Community

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What might be the consequences of not having a powerful vision?

No Vision:

- w Parishes wither and die / Stagnant
- w Parochialism
- w Lose youth / lose schools / lose control
- w Lose Faith Community / Identity
- w Missed opportunities, no Dreams, no Hope
- w Be told what to do rather than participate in own leadership

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Step 2:

Create a Powerful and Compelling Vision

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A Vibrant Community emerges

People: a way of Life

- w Cradle to Grave
- w Lapsed Catholics
- w Single, Married, Divorced
- w No one excluded
- w All Welcomed
- w Priest: holder of vision
- w Active lay ministry
- w Varied ministries for all needs
- w All parishioners active
- w Fully utilized stewardship
- w A Gifted Leadership Team

A Community: alive & well

- w Involved, Enthusiastic, hope-filled, Inclusive

A Spiritual Family:

- w Meaningful to all
- w Present to all
- w Connected, Committed

Education:

- w For all ages
- w Affordable, accessible

A Balanced Life: healthy

- w Social Justice, universal

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The Vision

- w A Vibrant Faith Community meeting 100% of the needs of 100% of its members 100% of the time
- w Reaching and serving 100% of Catholics
- w 100% attendance / participation within the Faith Community
- w Meeting 100% of the Educational needs from cradle to grave
- w 100% eligible children in Catholic school
- w Free / affordable tuition to all

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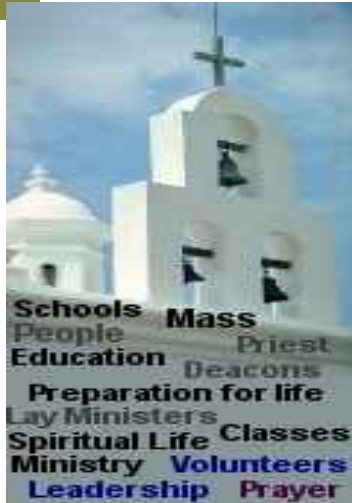
Ready for Step 3:

Brainstorm the Details
of “how-to-do” it

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Building a Faith Community



- w The Vision is the forest, now focus on the individual trees
- w What are the bricks necessary to build this community?
- w What is the mortar to connect it together?

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The Building Blocks

- w Leadership
- w Education
- w Worship / Prayer / Spiritual
- w The Community

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Leadership

- w What ministries will be provided?
- w What leaders will be instrumental in connecting services to the faith community?
- w Who will be on the Gifted Leadership Team?
- w What role will volunteers serve? How will they be coordinated.
- w How will the vision be maintained, nurtured and developed through out the unfolding years?

Education

- w What are the needs to be served?
- w Pre-school
- w K – 5
- w 6 – 8
- w 9 – 12
- w College, trade, vocational, job training
- w PSR, youth, Marriage prep

Worship – Prayer - Spiritual

- w How will the Eucharist and Sacraments fulfill the needs of all ages: cradle to grave?
- w What other prayer & spiritual needs?
- w Marriage / Engaged Encounter – Cursillo – TEC – REC ...
- w Support ministries? Support groups?
- w Liturgy of Hours, rosary, benediction ...
- w Vocations: support, enquiry, nurturing
- w Connecting all members across all levels of community
- w Maintaining and promoting a spiritual presence

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The Community

- w How will all be welcomed, motivated, included?
- w How will community aid in living “balanced” lives?
- w How will the community help family, work, and social life be maintained in a healthy manner?
- w How will social justice needs be addressed?
- w How will evangelization maintain new life in the community?
- w How will this community be nurtured so that it remains vibrant and fully alive and well?

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The Shopping List

- w Brainstorm as many items that should be on the list for each of these areas
- w Cover all ages: from cradle to grave
- w Current needs and those expected to arise over the next 30 - 40 years
- w Anticipated growing pains: population of area could double over the next 40 years
- w Anticipate desired changes within the Church
- w Anticipate what it will take for the Community to remain healthy and to continue to grow & develop
- w If you think it à write it down

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Ready for Step 4:

Assemble the Plan

and keep it going

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