

GOALS 1, 2 AND 3

To begin, we want to say "Thank you" to Fr Scott, Tashie & Bill Zang and Mark Johnson and their committee members in developing the objectives within these goals. The goals themselves come under the heading of "Invite" in the plan brochure. The scripture comes from Matthew saying, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations....."

The first Invite Goal is all about evangelization - in other words, Disciples (that's us) making Disciples of others - those who are longing to return to or find God in their lives. We are all called to bring the Good News of the Gospels to others. There are several opportunities for you personally to help make this goal happen through a variety of programs. One way is to join our Evangelization Committee. Another is to participate in the "Seeking Christ" program by reaching out to inquirers and non-believers, and a third is to invite all our non-practicing Catholic family members and friends to attend the "Awakening Faith" program. There is more information about these programs in the Gathering Space.

We are a strong, multi-generational and multi-cultural community. The second Invite Goal is to radiate, in all ways possible, that we are a welcoming community! To make this goal a reality, our

Long Range Plan offers several projects. One is to investigate and perhaps use the “My Parish” app on our mobile devices to reach more parishioners. Those working on this goal will be looking at how to use social media to market our parish to outsiders and communicate more directly with our own parishioners as well as those who might join us.

The third Invite Goal is to make Assumption Catholic School, which is known for academic excellence and moral teaching, more affordable to all Catholic families. Our school helps families build strong ties to the Church and brings more people to the faith. There are a number of objectives to achieve this goal - including surveying families throughout the county, target marketing our school, and looking for ways - outside of tuition - to fund our exceptional school.

These programs and activities don't just happen - they require lots of volunteers to pitch in to make them work. We will need you to lead or serve in some of these groups, or to invite people to them, or to be Ministers of Hospitality in reaching out to those seeking God. Now and in the coming weeks, we are asking that you reflect upon and prayerfully consider what you learn about all twelve goals. We will then ask you to take a step forward, guided by the Holy Spirit, to offer the gifts of your time and talents to help bring this Vision 2020 Plan into focus and make it a reality.