



NEXT GENERATION CATHOLIC PARISH

PART FOUR

We are very pleased to welcome Lori Tedjeske to our Parish Community this weekend. Lori is a consultant for the Catholic Leadership Institute and she will be assisting us as we now actively enter into the **Next Generation Catholic Parish** initiative.

Over the past few weeks, we have been preparing for Lori's visit and preparing for the official beginning of this blessed opportunity being afforded to us by the Catholic Leadership Institute. As I mentioned in my weekly video message on September 24th, in response to CLI's request, I provided them with sacramental, pastoral and financial information on our Parish Community for the past five years. In order for Lori and CLI to better understand our Parish Community, specifically, I provided them with the following information:

Baptisms
Confirmations
Weddings
Funerals
Converts
Parishioners –Number of Registered
Mass Attendance
Religious Education-Enrollment
Regional School-Enrollment
Vocations
Offertory-Sunday collections
Other Income and Savings
Parish Debt and Expenditures
School Financials
School Debt and Deferred Maintenance

By providing this information, we are assisting Lori and other Catholic Leadership Institute consultants in assessing and tracking our Parish Community's Four Key Factors upon which the **Next Generation Catholic Parish** will depend, namely to:

1. Foster spiritual maturity and a plan for discipleship of its parishioners;
2. Share leadership and maintain a commitment to a healthy organization;
3. Offer a vibrant Sunday experience with excellent hymns, homilies and hospitality;
4. Embrace a missionary impulse to go out and bring others to know Jesus.

In addition to providing this information, we have arranged for Lori to meet with me, members of our Pastoral Staff, members of our Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council, as well as some key parish leaders, and some non-staff parishioners. These meetings will be held on Sunday afternoon or on Monday via Zoom, individually or as part of a small group, either in person or virtually.

Once again, I ask for our parishioners' continued prayers as we now begin the **Next Generation Catholic Parish** initiative.

~ Monsignor Michael P. McCormac