

*Next Generation Catholic Parish Initiative*  
*Envisioning Team*  
*Introduction to the Parish Pastoral Plan*  
*By Monsignor McCormac*

Last December, I was pleased to announce that we had formed an **Envisioning Team** as we moved along in the **Next Generation Catholic Parish Initiative**. Over this past year, with the guidance of Lori Tedjeske, a Catholic Leadership Institute consultant, the Envisioning Team has been actively working together in discerning and creating a Parish Pastoral Plan which is to be implemented over the next two years. After evaluating pastoral, sacramental and financial data, the Team was tasked to develop an agreed-upon Parish vision/mission with three specific pastoral priorities and three to four SMART goals for each priority.

I am very pleased that the **Envisioning Team** has completed their work and we are soon to embark on the next phase of the **Next Generation Catholic Parish Initiative**, namely the implementation of the Parish Pastoral Plan. Currently, Audrey Wilson and I are working with the Envisioning Team on establishing the **Implementation Committee** which will be tasked with following up on the three pastoral priorities with a view toward utilizing the SMART goals to accomplish these three priorities.

Beginning in January, through the Pastor's Column, I will be sharing the various parts of the **Parish Pastoral Plan**, which is comprised of the following parts:

**Purpose Statement**

**Vision Statement**

**Values and Beliefs**

**Priorities and Goals**

As pastor and as an Envisioning Team member, I am very pleased and grateful to have the **Parish Pastoral Plan** document which will be guiding our Parish Community over the next several years. I am also most grateful to Lori Tedjeske for her assistance over this past year and to the following **Envisioning Team** members who faithfully served our Parish Community through their commitment of time and talent for the last year:

John Chapman  
Kelsey Cole  
Robert Cole  
Matthew Creevey  
Colleen Garneau  
Tony Pitaro

Carole Seymour  
Terri Smart  
Michelle Tomsho  
Hank Wajda  
Audrey Wilson

Finally, I thank you, our parishioners, for your prayers each and every week throughout 2021. I believe that our **Envisioning Team** was very much guided by the Holy Spirit in their discussions and deliberations. I invite our parishioners to look forward to my Pastor's Columns in January. Thank you.