



Pastoral Planning Pathway Phase 0: Warm Up “Do This. Do Not Do This.”

The Beacons of Light Pastoral Planning process will not officially begin until July 1, 2022. Until that time there are some things that we ask you do not do until the incoming pastor begins his assignment and can direct the pastoral planning efforts.

Even so, there are also many things that you can begin doing right away. These activities will proactively help prepare parish staff and parish families to begin the important pastoral planning when the time comes.

DO

- Intentionally pray for and with each other, including for your future pastor and parochial vicar(s).
- Work together to offer shared life and shared prayer experiences between parishes.
- Attend relevant trainings, workshops, and retreats.
- Work together to welcome your new pastor and parochial Vicars.
- Make new friends and begin to build relationships.
- Have hope.

DO NOT

- Begin any Beacons of Light pastoral planning without the incoming pastor.
- Make any major changes to current operations that were not already planned.
- Redecorate the rectory.
- Panic.