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Discerning Actions

To limit background noise, we have placed you on mute

Questions can be placed in the chat



Let us pray

Beacons of Light Prayer

Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother,
present our prayer of thanksgiving to your Son.
Beg from Him the graces we need to be faithful disciples
who follow Him with enthusiasm and joy.
May our witness to the love of God bear fruit in our archdiocese,
parishes, homes and hearts.

Teach us to be God's joyful witnesses,
to radiate Christ in all we do,
so that all people might know, love and follow your Son
through this life and into the next.

Amen.



Our Objectives for this Session

- 1. Consider a parish planning process for moving from prioritized strengths and opportunities to action.
- 2. Learn how to express desired outcomes into SMART goals and increase your odds of achieving those outcomes.
- 3. Align your growth in within the context of *Beacons* of *Light*.



This DMI Webinar Series

#1 Access

Results

#2 Understand the Data #3
Discern
Actions

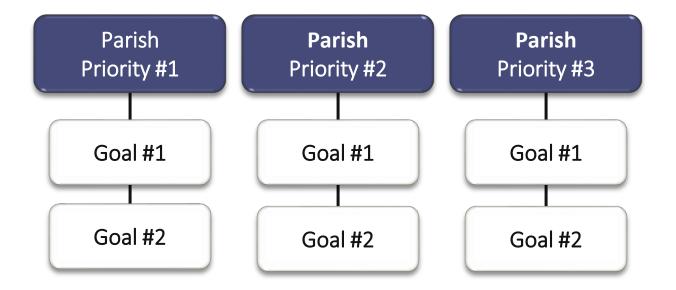


Wisdom from St. Augustine

"Safeguard order and order will safeguard you."



Priorities with Aligned Goals





What is a Priority?

Priorities

 answers WHAT we will accomplish in the next 24-36 months

Examples

Greater Hospitality

Increased Spiritual Practices

Strengthened Missionary Impulse



Is it a Priority?

Each priority must meet the Three criteria:

- 1. It requires cross-functional support.
- 2. It is complex enough that it can't be delegated to one direct report.
- 3. It is important enough to be on the Pastor's List.



What is a Goal?

Priorities

 answers WHAT we will accomplish in the next 24-36 months

Goals

 Goals focus energy and activity to achieve this accomplishment

Priority: Strengthened Missionary Impulse

Goal: Increase results of "Invited someone to Mass quarterly" from 25 to 40-50 by April 1, 20XX.

Goals and Action Steps

Goals & Action steps

- Goals focus energy and activity to achieve this accomplishment
- Action Steps assure that goals are met



Turning Data into Fruitful Results



- Accessible Framework:
 - 3 priorities with 1-2 SMART Goals each and related strategies/action steps per goal
 - Implemented over the next 24-36 months
- Benefits to You and Your Community
 - Focus to use limited time and resources
 - Engage new/dormant parishioners

EXAMPLE: Holy Family Cathedral

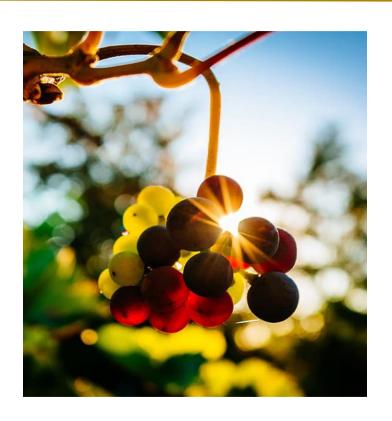


Context:

- Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Large parish



Beginning with the DMI



Key Growth Opportunities:

- Hospitality (28%)
- Forms as Disciples (17%)
- Service/Support (22%/16%)



EXAMPLE: Holy Family Cathedral

Priority and Aligned Goals:

Hospitality

Increase registered households from 600 to 700-750 by May 31, 2023

Forms as Disciple

100-120 adults engaged in 2-5 prayer and faith formation activities annually by May 31, 2023

Service/Support

Annually accompany 50-60 parishioners who are sick, dying or vulnerable by May 31, 2023.

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Other Priority And Goal Examples

Parish in Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Priority: Engaging Families

Goal: Engage an additional 100 families into new/different ministries or

activities by 1/1/2023.

Parish in Diocese of Richmond, VA

Priority: Enriched Hospitality

Goal: Increase the number of strongly agree the parish is welcoming from

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49% - 60% by June 1, 2025

Other Priority And Goal Examples

Parish in the Diocese of Burlington, VT

Priority: Everyday Life Fortified by Sunday Mass

Goal: 125-175 parishioners strongly agree that Mass has a positive impact

on their week by May 1, 2025.

Parish in Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY

Priority: Welcoming School Families

Goal: 50-75 school families will attend 3-5 parish events per year by May 1,

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2020.

SMART Goals

 From your DMI-informed strengths and opportunities, identify priorities: the most urgent needs and opportunities of the parish

 Address those priorities with SMART Goals and detailed action steps







- Where are you going and how will you know when we get there?
 A SMART goal leaves no room for misunderstanding.
- SMART Goals are models of clarity: one sentence, easy to read and understand.
- Action steps are not included and qualifiers are limited.
- SMART Goals are stated in behavioral (doing) terms rather than as statements of attitude, thought or belief.

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SMART Goals: Simple Statements



- Specific & Measurable
- Motivating
- Attainable
- Relevant
- Timebound / Trackable







Specific and Measurable

- Specific leaves no doubt about the intended outcome/achievement
- *Measurable* provides an objective target

Motivating - The Motivation is implied by setting a tangible achievement that connects to a larger, meaningful Vision.

Attainable - The outcome will stretch the parish but is possible through creativity, planning, shared action, assessment along the way and accountability.

Relevant - The outcome makes sense in terms of the larger Parish Goal. It cannot be left out.

Timebound / Trackable - There is a date set to reach the outcome. Mark it on the Parish Calendar



Focus on Outcome vs. Output!

OUTCOME

An end result



The hungry are served

OUTPUT

Production or product used to create end result



Training program for soup kitchen volunteers



Focus on Outcome vs. Output!

OUTCOME OUTPUT Increase results of "I have personally Create a new series to foster a personal encountered Jesus Christ and am relationship with Jesus by May 5, 20XX. growing as a disciple" from 60 to 80-100 May 5, 20XX. Increase strongly agrees for "the parish Offer 3-4 new social activities by helps me connect with a Catholic November 30, 20XX community by making me feel welcome and accepted" from 120 to 200-220 November 30, 20XX. Increase results of "Invited someone to Offer 2-3 new series on deepening Mass quarterly" from 25 to 40-50 by understanding of the Mass by April 1, 20XX April 1, 20XX.

Help people grow in knowing Jesus by March X, XXXX

- Specific & Measurable 🕡
- Motivating
- Attainable 🖓
- Relevant 🔥
- Timebound / Trackable 🖰 🖓



Increase the number of parishioners who strongly agree that "I have personally encountered Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple" from 75 to 125-175 by March X, XXXX

• Specific & Measurable



- Motivating
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Help parishioners benefit from attending Mass by March X, XXXX

- Specific & Measurable 😱

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Increase the number of parishioners who strongly agree that Mass helps them grow spiritually from 35 to 75-100 by March X, XXXX

- Specific & Measurable 🚹

- Motivating
- Attainable 🚹
- Relevant
- Timebound / Trackable



Questions or Other Ideas???

Use the Q/A **function** to ask your questions





Contact Information

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Thank You!

You were made by God for this moment – thank you for your leadership and for being pioneers!

