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FAMILY MINISTRY RESPOND TO DIVERSE NEEDS OF FAMILIES

Strategy 1: Attract 10 new families who are inactive or non-participating Catholics to be an active part of family catechesis.

Strategy 2: Identify the demographics of our parish community inclusive of all family types by August 30, 2019.

Strategy 3: Establish a Welcoming Ministry in the parish by December 31, 2019.

YOUTH MINISTRY ENHANCE OR ESTABLISH YOUTH MINISTRY

Strategy 1: Enhance leader training for current and future youth peer ministers to include a multi-day Catholic leadership retreat by June 2020.

Strategy 2: Increase the number of students participating in youth group to double the current number by December 2019.

Strategy 3: Establish a middle school program that engages students who attend Catholic schools as well as non-Catholic schools by September 2019.

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MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP INSPIRE TO INVITE & ACCOMPANY OTHERS

Strategy 1: Launch 12-15 ongoing small Christian Communities by October 30, 2019.

Strategy 2: Organize a core group to facilitate establishment of Alpha Program in key areas of the parish by December 31, 2019.

Strategy 3: As of Pentecost 2020, 25% of parishioners will be invited to enroll in the Good Shepherd Neighborhood Program. By 2021, 50% will have been invited.

CATHOLIC IMPACT INITIATIVE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Our church is collaborating with the Central Deanery parishes to provide counseling services to local families.

We are hoping to: improve access to mental health services and remove the stigma associated with seeking mental health treatment; give hope to people suffering from anxiety, stress, family struggles and other concerns; reduce the growing number of suicides and suicide attempts.

Call the parish office for a list of counselors and contact a counselor to schedule an appointment.