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Release Announcement

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Parish Strategic Planning



Strategic Planning session
Saint Nicholas, Northridge, CA

Strategic Area: Parish Organization and Development

Goal: To provide the framework, tools and support for a Parish-level Strategic Planning Process

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Program Description: To support the efforts of parishes wishing to develop a strategic plan for their community, a Strategic Planning Guidebook, containing a step-by-step planning approach along with materials, tips, and the latest strategic planning concepts is now available. In addition, many parishes both within, and outside of, the Metropolis of San Francisco have generously, and graciously, shared their actual strategic plan materials. Both these materials and the Guidebook can be accessed via the Metropolis of San Francisco Strategy Implementation website at: <http://sfstrategicplan.net/parishplanning>

Also, in an effort to further assist our parishes, the Parish Strategic Planning Team of Fr. Gerasimos Markopoulos, St. George, Eugene, OR; Steven Pappas, St. Anthony, Pasadena, CA; Richard Whitton, St. John the Baptist, Beaverton, OR and Steve Tibbs, St. Paul, Irvine, CA are ready and prepared to offer no-cost guidance to any parish either contemplating beginning the planning process or to a parish already underway in its planning efforts.

Current Status: Nearly 20 parishes with our Metropolis are either in the midst of implementing their plans, have already completed an implementation or have shown active interest in commencing this year.

Recommended Parish Action: The Parish Council should review the Strategic Planning materials and begin to engage in discussions with their respective Parish Priest to explore the potential of beginning this process. If interested in speaking with a Parish Strategic Planning Team member please contact **Steve Tibbs** who will be happy to assist you and direct you to the proper resource.

Anticipated Parish Impact: High. A commitment to this program from the entire parish significantly increases the likelihood of developing a much better and more successful plan. It is highly recommended to involve the Parish Priest, the Parish Council, all Ministry Leaders and as broad a spectrum of parishioners as possible.