

Archdiocesan Priorities

Ministerial Areas

#1 Evangelization

- A new ministry of evangelization in the Archdiocese
- Formation of missionary disciples through the Formation Institutes. Making an effort especially to invite those who have had an encounter with Christ/conversion
- Encourage and help more parishes to go out and evangelize
- Annual celebration at an Archdiocesan level to share in the fruits of evangelization of which all parishes will participate, even if they are not going out to evangelize

#2 Sharing gifts among parishes

- That the parishes share their charisms and gifts, so that all communities can produce fruits, for example: parishes that have formed missionaries be willing to share them with parishes that are in the beginning stages of evangelization

#3 Formation

- Continue with the institutes
- Formation and/or identification of lay preachers within the Archdiocese
- Formation that can help lay people discover their God given gifts/charisms; help the laity produce fruits through the gifts they have received
- Make more spaces available for parishes to send their parishioners to the formation programs in the Lay Ministry Program at the University of St. Thomas
- Emergence of a School of Evangelization, dedicated to formation

#4 Prayer

- Continue to form/guide the groups of prayer
- Offer a “School of Prayer” in Spanish
- Specific formation of deacons and priests to be able to help the faithful in need of spiritual liberation

#5 Families

- Formation of couples who can serve as mentors in our parishes to marriages in crisis

#6 Works of Mercy

- Have an archdiocesan directory of programs and services that can help with material, physical, and spiritual needs of the community
- Identify a space for retreats that is close to the Twin Cities

#7 Pastoral Juvenil (Latino Youth Ministry)

- More programs and scholarships available for youth
- That our Hispanic youth be more involved in archdiocesan youth programs offered
- Spiritual retreats for youth, as well as follow-up programs and programs that help with spiritual growth
- Have an Encounter of Hispanic/Latino Youth Ministry
- Radio or television program for the youth
- Offer liturgies with youth as ministers (lectors, hospitality, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist) at the parishes
- Give the youth their place

#8 Ministering to families

- Opportunities for families to gather and share
- Conferences, congresses, retreats for families with topics and activities that involve the whole family. More premarital and marital programs and retreats
- More evangelization programs for families
- Resources and programs on how to raise Latino children in the culture of the United States
- Formation on the Theology of the Body for families

#9 Immigration

- Help families that have been separated due to immigration; spiritually, ect...
- Homilies about immigrants. Who is my neighbor? Cultural sensibility for those who speak English
- Continue with the presentations and forums about what to do in case immigration (ICE) comes

#10 Lay Ministry

- More programs available for the formation, training, and spirituality of Lay Leaders

#11 Vocations

- Emergence of an Archdiocesan ministry to help with the discernment of priestly vocations and religious life for the Hispanic/Latino Ministry
- Promote priestly, diaconate, and religious life vocations within our parishes

#12 Help Bicultural parishes: How to accompany one another?

#13 Cultural Diversity

- That bilingual people be hired in the different offices
- Offer services to a diverse community
- Promote multicultural liturgies that honor and celebrate the different cultures
- Accompaniment in difficult times and civil affairs that affect the life of Latinos
- Develop an intercultural ministry

#14 Multicultural Events

- Events that represent the diversity of the Catholic Church

#15 Catholic Schools

- Formation to families that educate them on the benefits of a Catholic education
- That there be ministers who can introduce the new families to Catholic schools
- More information about resources, programs, and assistance that Catholic schools offer Latino families

#16 People who are ill or incarcerated

- Formation to be able to begin this ministry at the parish level

#17 Consolation Ministry

- Formation to be able to begin this ministry at the parish level

#18 Formation in the faith for people with special needs

#19 Social Justice

- Form ministries for Pastoral Social Justice at the parish level, that can help Latino families in the issues they are living at the present time

#20 Support for ministry to the elderly

Priorities for within 3-5 years

Formation of missionary disciples that are sent to evangelize by their priests

Help the laity discover their gifts and guide them to produce fruits in their parish communities.

Formation of priests and deacons to be able to guide those who are in need of spiritual liberation.

Directory of programs and services that help with spiritual, physical, and material needs and respect the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Youth (Pastoral Juvenil/Latino Youth Ministry)

Family Pastoral Ministry

Immigration

Cultural Diversity

Evangelization

Retreats of Healing for the whole family with daycare

Formation

Resources