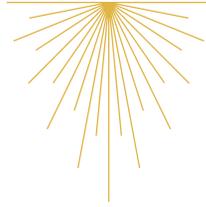




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RADIATE CHRIST

BACK TO MISSION  
BRINGING PARISH LEADERS TOGETHER



## OPENING 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.



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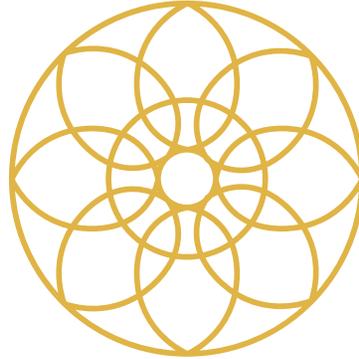


## **BACK TO MISSION: Today's agenda**

Pastor Survey Highlights  
Vatican Instruction Discussion  
Planning Process Introduction  
Overview of Series  
Announcements



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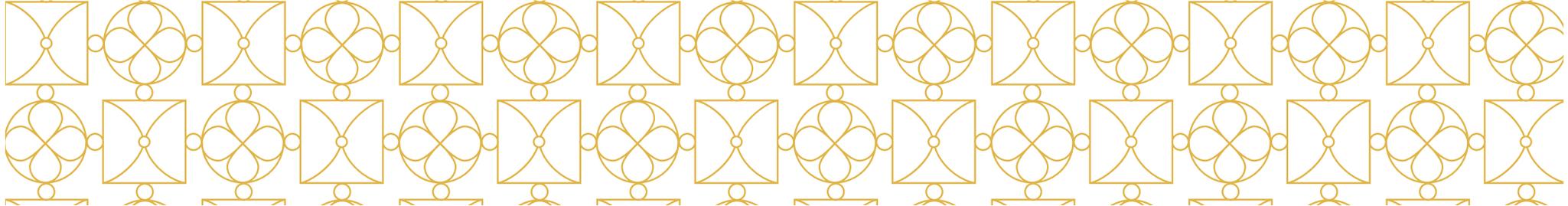


## PASTOR SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

- July 2020 – approximately six weeks after resumption of public worship
- Expanded scope of previous survey, which focused solely on Mass
- 90 respondents

July 2020 Pastor Survey

# Divine Worship and Sacraments



CENTRAL OFFICE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

## Mass participation during pandemic

### Mass attendance

- Compared to May 30, 44% increased, 15% decreased, 39% held steady

### Compared to last year

- Compared to last year's October count, 85% of parishes were less than half attendance.

### What about masks?

- 83% of pastors report that "all or most" of their people are wearing masks and following other health safety directives

### Future Mass schedules

- 20% are considering subtracting one or more Sunday Masses, but 62% are considering no change at all.





## Concerns for the Future

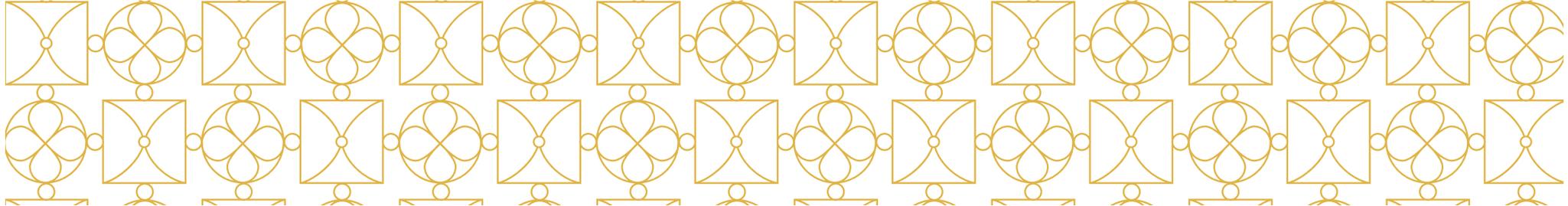
- The biggest concern is that people will not return to physical presence in church for Mass anytime soon
- How/when to “restore” practices (obligation, holy water fonts, sign of peace, Chalice, etc.)
- Preparation for Christmas
- How to encourage finding a “new normal” rather than simply returning to what was
- Lasting liturgical impacts of the shutdown



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# Ministries, Programs, Activities



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## Resuming parish life during a pandemic

<b>Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Over half have resumed Pastoral Council and other committees</li></ul>
<b>Faith formation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A third to one half have resumed RCIA, Adult Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, small faith and service groups</li></ul>
<b>Virtual participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2/3 utilizing virtual meetings for at least some gatherings</li></ul>
<b>Social gatherings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only a quarter plan to hold social gatherings for the remainder of this year</li></ul>



## Resuming parish life during a pandemic

### Resuming activities

- Most plan to resume all or part of their typical groups in the fall

### Religious Education

- 70% are planning in-person Religious Education for the fall

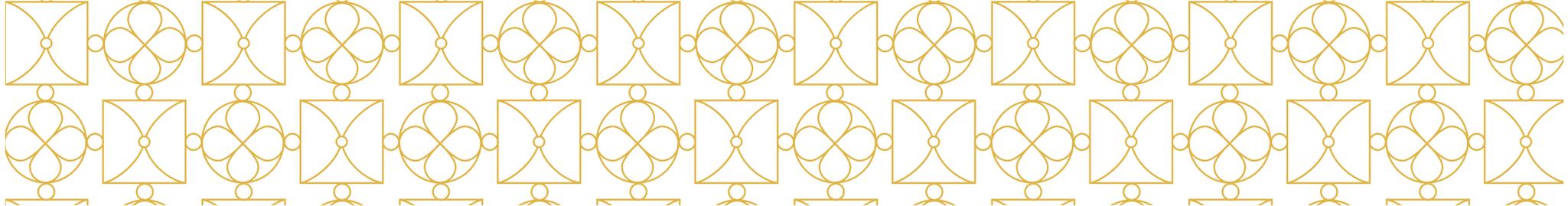
### Online option

- 30% plan for an online option



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# Financial Stewardship and Communication



## Resuming parish life during a pandemic

### Financial Stewardship

- Only 15% are planning an effort to increase financial stewardship in the next 3-6 months

### Communication

- Two-thirds increased communication when public liturgies were suspended in March

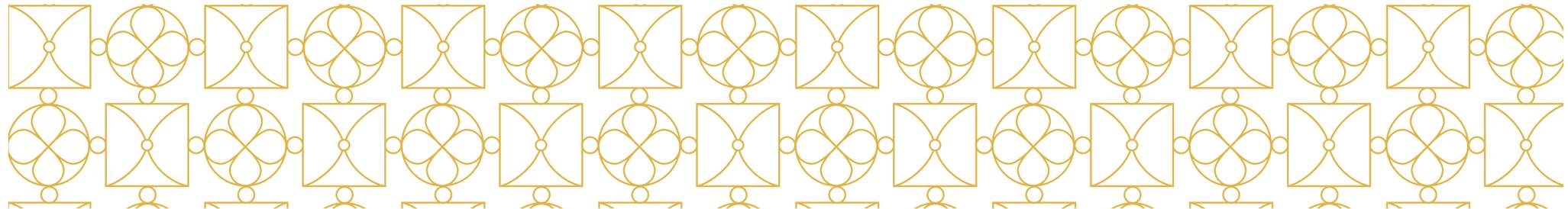
### Communication Now

- Almost half have continued with the increased communication



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**Ready for More!**



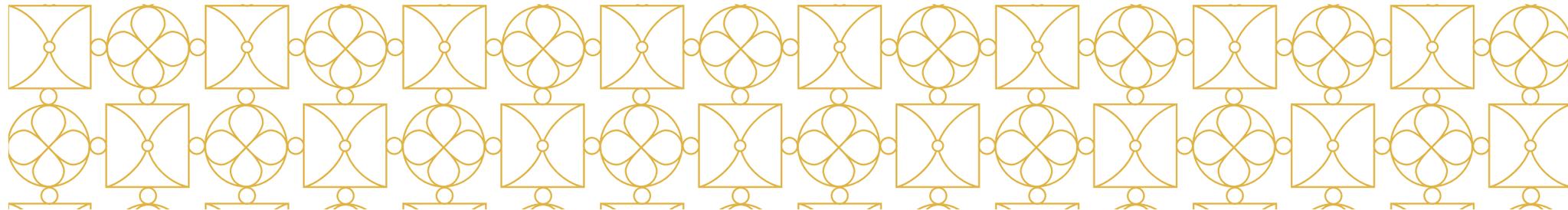


**What can pastoral center do?  
What would you like to share?**

- Occasional forums, especially online
- Best practices sharing
- Catechesis on Eucharist; Mass schedule review
- Build stronger parish community
- Evangelization support in this challenging time
- Enhance communication
- Strengthen parish life; address challenges of regions

**New Vatican Instruction**

"The pastoral conversion of the Parish community  
in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church"





## The pastoral conversion of the parish community

### All called to participate in a “New Phase of Evangelization”

- All Invited to “choose the missionary option”
- Pastoral conversion is a central theme – a conversion that is “essentially missionary”
- Evangelization is “primary, preeminent and preferential”

### The Parish is a Beacon that Radiates the Light of Faith

- The parish is called to be “centres conducive to an encounter with Christ”
- The parish “encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers”

*“The parish is a beacon that radiates the light of the faith and thus responds to the deepest and truest desires of the human heart, giving meaning and hope to the lives of individuals and families.” (Benedict XVI, 12/10/06)*





## The pastoral conversion of the parish community

### **The Parish not what is used to be**

- As always, the parish is “the community that gathers around the table of the Word and Eucharist”, “a house among houses,” and a sign of the Incarnation as a permanent presence of the Lord
- Yet, the current model is not working: Mobility and technology mean that “parish” can no longer be equated only with a geographical territory





## The pastoral conversion of the parish community

### **Renewal for Mission is Required**

What does that look like? Evangelization, sacraments, charity, must be infused with a missionary zeal.

- Personal conversion through the Word of God, Kerygma, and personal witness
- The Eucharist is central to the life of the parish
- Ongoing Catechumenal process for all
- Master the Art of accompaniment
- A special emphasis on serving the poor



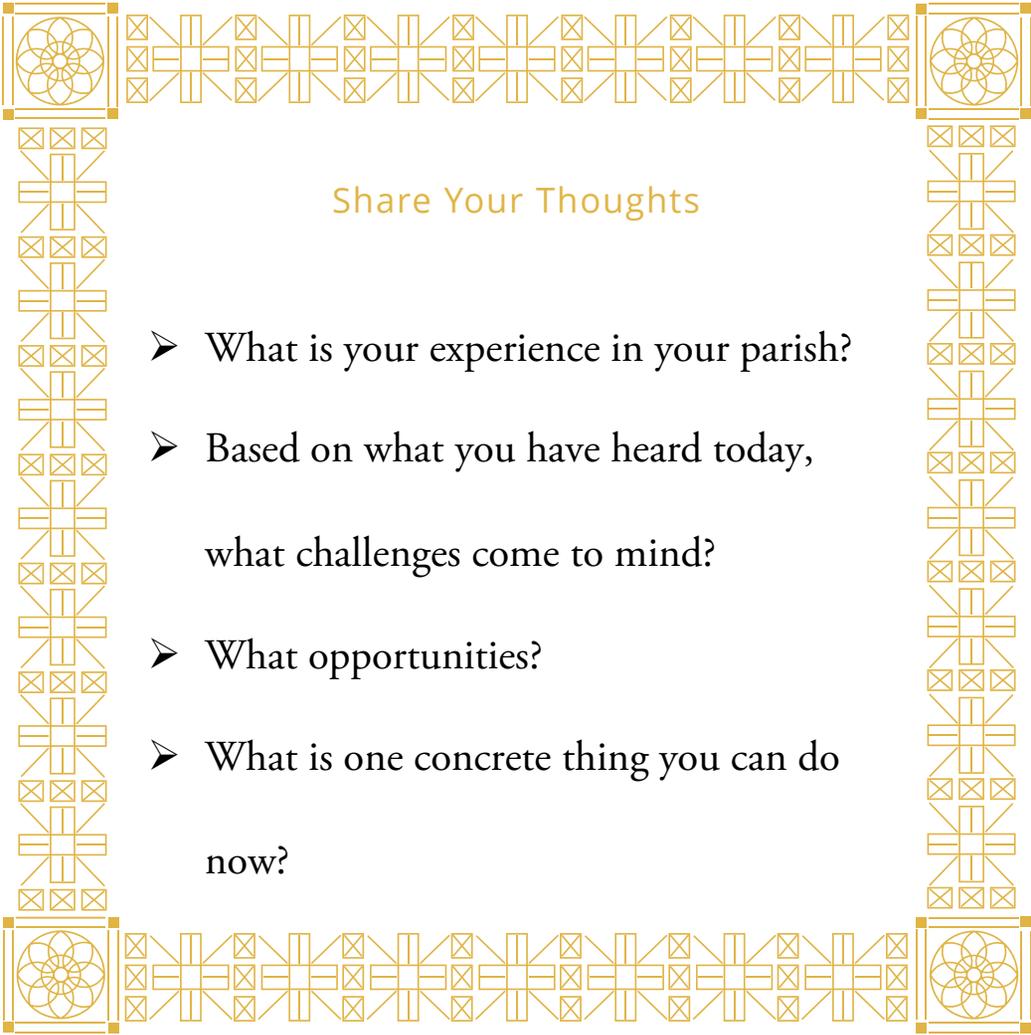


## The pastoral conversion of the parish community

### **Renewal for Mission requires a Renewal of Parish Structure**

- Requires an internal renewal and a change of mentality first and foremost of the Pastor and Pastoral Leaders.
- Yet must also include the Laity who have been anointed by the Holy Spirit to help “reflect, think, evaluate, discern” structural renewal.
- The final goal is that the entire community – the clergy and the laity - are equipped and sent on mission. The laity, in particular, should become “active participants in evangelization.”





## Share Your Thoughts

- What is your experience in your parish?
- Based on what you have heard today,  
what challenges come to mind?
- What opportunities?
- What is one concrete thing you can do  
now?



RADIATE CHRIST

## Pastoral Planning in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

### *WHY*

Our parishes and people are called to radiate Christ

### *HOW*

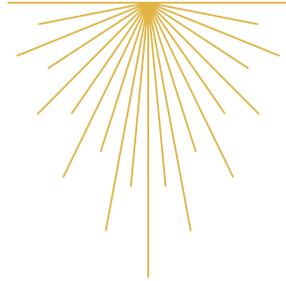
Working together to build vital evangelizing communities of faith

### *WHAT*

A new phase of pastoral planning, building on the past and pointing toward the future



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**BACK TO MISSION**  
**Plan to join us and spread the word!**

9/22: Communication

10/6: Worship, focused on Christmas

10/20: Evangelization, including youth, RE, Sacramental prep

11/3: Stewardship

11/17: Hispanic Ministry



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## **Don't miss these opportunities!**

### **National Day of Prayer for Peace In Our Communities**

Wednesday, September 9, 2020, for the Memorial of Saint Peter Claver  
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains at 11:30 a.m. (Livestream also)

### **Anti-Racism Listening Sessions**

Presented by the Anti-Racism Task Force

Monday, September 21 at 7pm or Sunday, September 27 at 2pm

Sessions held via Zoom

### **Day of Prayer for the Church and the Victims of Abuse**

Friday, September 11, Mass at 11:30am

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains



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**Don't miss these opportunities!**

**Pastoral Enrichment Day: Evangelization through Accompaniment**

Thursday, October 8

St. Mary of the Assumption (Springboro, OH)

A day for Pastoral Ministers (Parish Staff, Catechists, Pastoral Leaders, Campus Ministers, Theology Teachers) to gather for prayer, fellowship, and enrichment.



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### **Pray-a-Minute**

Encouraging a daily habit of prayer for Peace, Justice, and Goodwill

<http://www.prayamminute.com/>

### **iVoteCatholic**

Seven-week discernment toolkit, focusing on the themes of Catholic Social Teaching  
This initiative will begin on September 13th but the website is available now.

<http://www.ivotecatholic.org/>

### **GIVECatholicAOC** (formerly known as iGiveCatholic)

Giving Tuesday opportunity for parishes, schools, and ministries to raise funds for their own local needs.

<http://www.givecatholicaoc.org/>

### **Being Pro Life** educational video/podcast series

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/being-pro-life>



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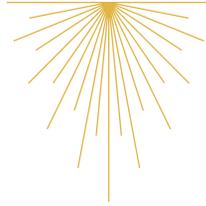


## Next steps

Follow-up Survey  
Resource Page  
Register for September 22  
Share with Others!



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## CLOSING PRAYER

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
Almighty God, you created us in your image and likeness,  
forming one human family.  
In your enduring love, you have promised to never leave us.  
In the midst of strife and turmoil in our land, we ask you for peace.  
May victims of injustice be relieved of their suffering.  
Help us, your children, to be people of goodwill,  
radiating the light of faith.  
May the example of Mary, the Queen of Peace,  
move us to be more faithful disciples of your Son.  
Send your Holy Spirit to inspire us in word and deed,  
as we strive to bring about your kingdom here on earth.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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