

TOGETHER *Sunday*

Sept 26 & Oct 2, 2024

Together Sunday Leader Launch

Agenda

- Welcome, Prayer, Introductions
- Overview: What, Why, Context
- Resources
- Roles & Timeline
- Q&A
- Upcoming News for Parish Leaders
- Closing Prayer

What & Why

Together Sunday – new resources and plan to help **invite** and **welcome** disengaged Catholics back to Mass.

Worship is best **Together** ...

- **Together** with our Lord in the Eucharist
- **Together** with each other in community as the people of God

What & Why

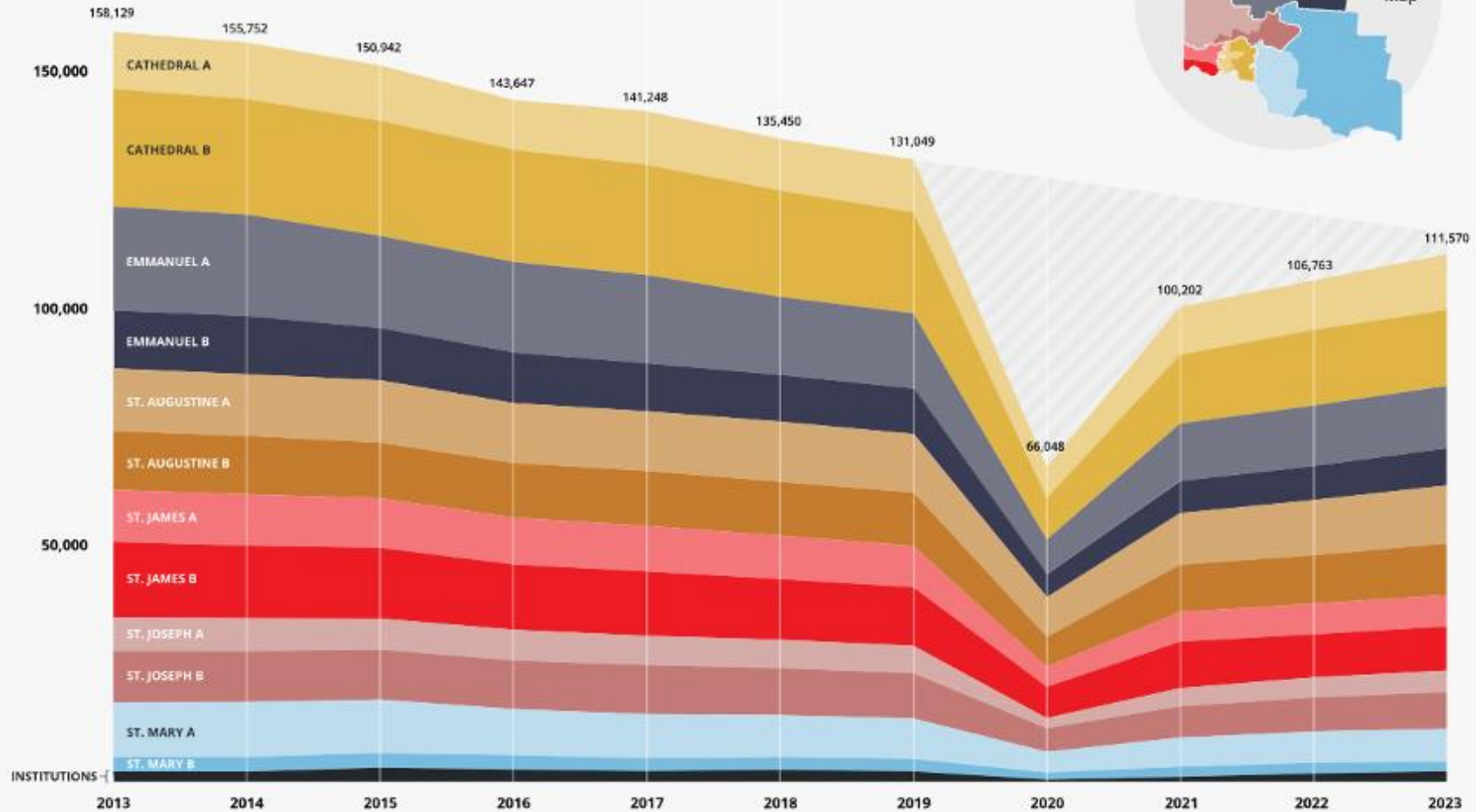
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- Long-term decline in Mass attendance – in this archdiocese, -29% versus 10 years ago, -38% versus 15 years ago

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Context

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE BY YEAR



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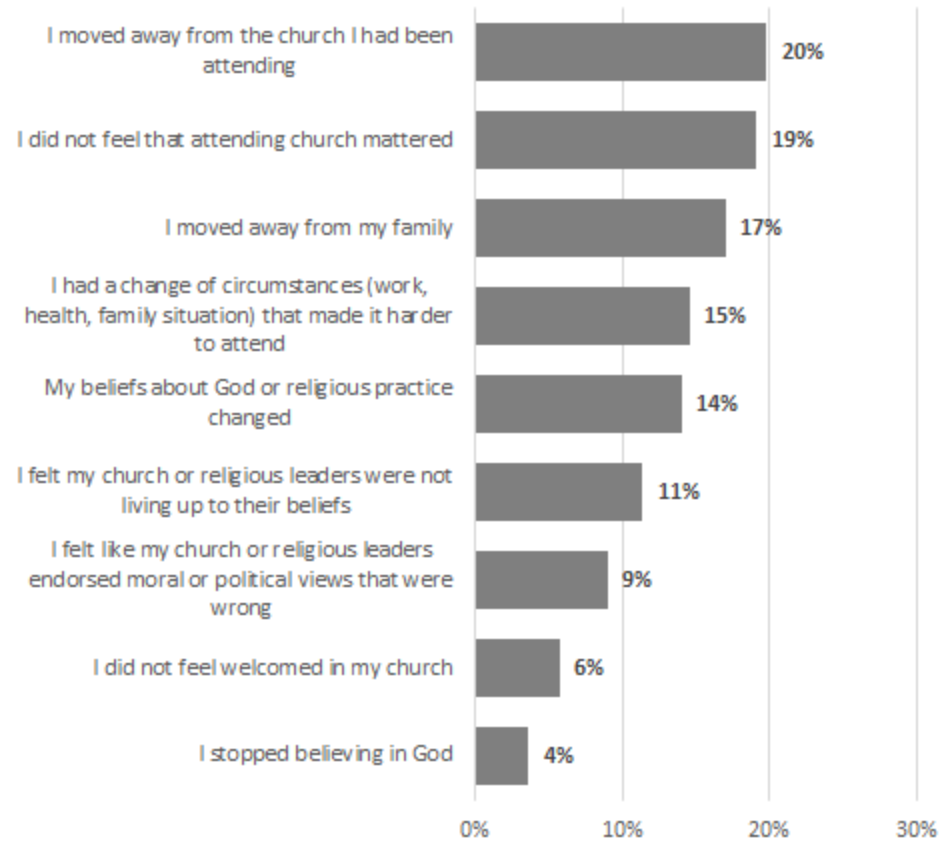
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- Long-term decline in Mass attendance – in this archdiocese, -29% versus 10 years ago, -38% versus 15 years ago
- Launching the “Culture” phase of Beacons of Light – ideal time to begin to instill a culture of outreach and hospitality
- National Eucharistic Revival “Year of Mission” – sharing the gift of the Eucharist through one-to-one invitation

Why not Mass?

Over 70% of Catholics stop attending Mass for practical reasons

Reasons why Catholics stopped going to church



Survey conducted among US adults
Sept 28 to Oct 25, 2021
PillarCatholic.com

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Phone Call & Letter Writing Campaign

Discern Disengaged Parishioners/School Families

- Make a list of parishioners you haven't seen in a while or people who used to be members of your parish
- Start praying for them now.
- Recruit a Prayer Team to pray for them as well

Letter Writing Campaign

- "We Miss You" Letter from Pastor
- Email can be sent, but prioritize a letter

Phone Call Campaign

- Recruit Phone Callers (could be Hospitality Team)
- Follow Best Practices
- Use Phone call script

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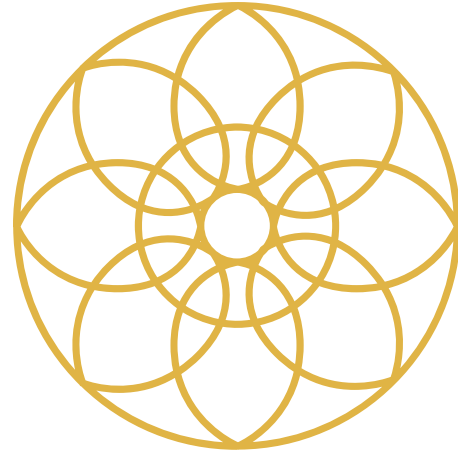
Roles

Pastor	Director of Worship	Director of Evangelization	Director of Communications	Principal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homilies• Joyful welcome before Mass• Joyful presence after Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure verbal announcements• Train Greeters• Plan for Worship Aid• Plan for festive Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form Hospitality Team• Lead Letter Writing & Phone Call Campaigns• Plan for Social Event after Mas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Postcard Drop-Mail Campaign• Bulletin Announcements and Flyer• E-mail Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include discerned list of school families in Letter Writing & Phone Call Campaign

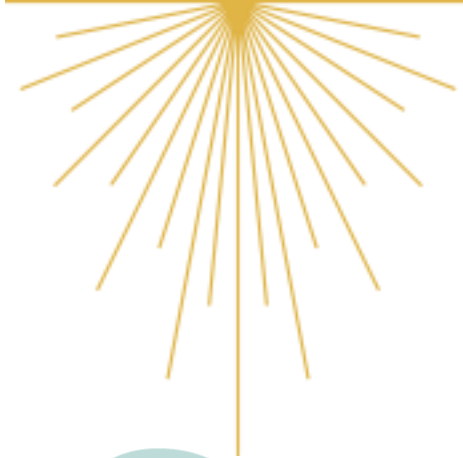
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Timeline

	Homily	Verbal	Bulletin	Social	E-mail	Mail & Phone	Hospitality Checklist
Week 1: Oct. 13	Homily Helps: 28 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Verbal Announce. #1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin Flyer Bulletin Cover 				Discern Hospitality Team
Week 2: Oct. 20		Verbal Announce. #1	Bulletin #1			Drop Mail Postcard Campaign	Recruit Hospitality Team
Week 3: Oct. 27	Homily Helps: 30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Verbal Announce. #2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin #2 Together Sunday Bulletin Cover 	Social Post #1			External Campus Environment Audit
Week 4: Nov. 3		Verbal Announce. #2	Bulletin #3	Social Post #2		Together Sunday Letter Campaign	Internal Campus Environment Audit
Week 5: Nov. 10	Homily Helps: 32 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Verbal Announce. #3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin #4 Together Sunday Bulletin Cover 	Social Post #3	E-mail		Train Hospitality Team
Week 6: Nov. 17		Verbal Announce. #3	Bulletin #5	Social Post #4	E-mail	Together Sunday Phone Call Campaign	
Week 7: Nov. 24 Together Sunday	Homily Helps: Christ the King	Verbal Announce.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Flyer with Advent & Christmas Masses 				Hospitality Teams, Worship Aids, Connection after Mass, Next Steps



Questions & Answers



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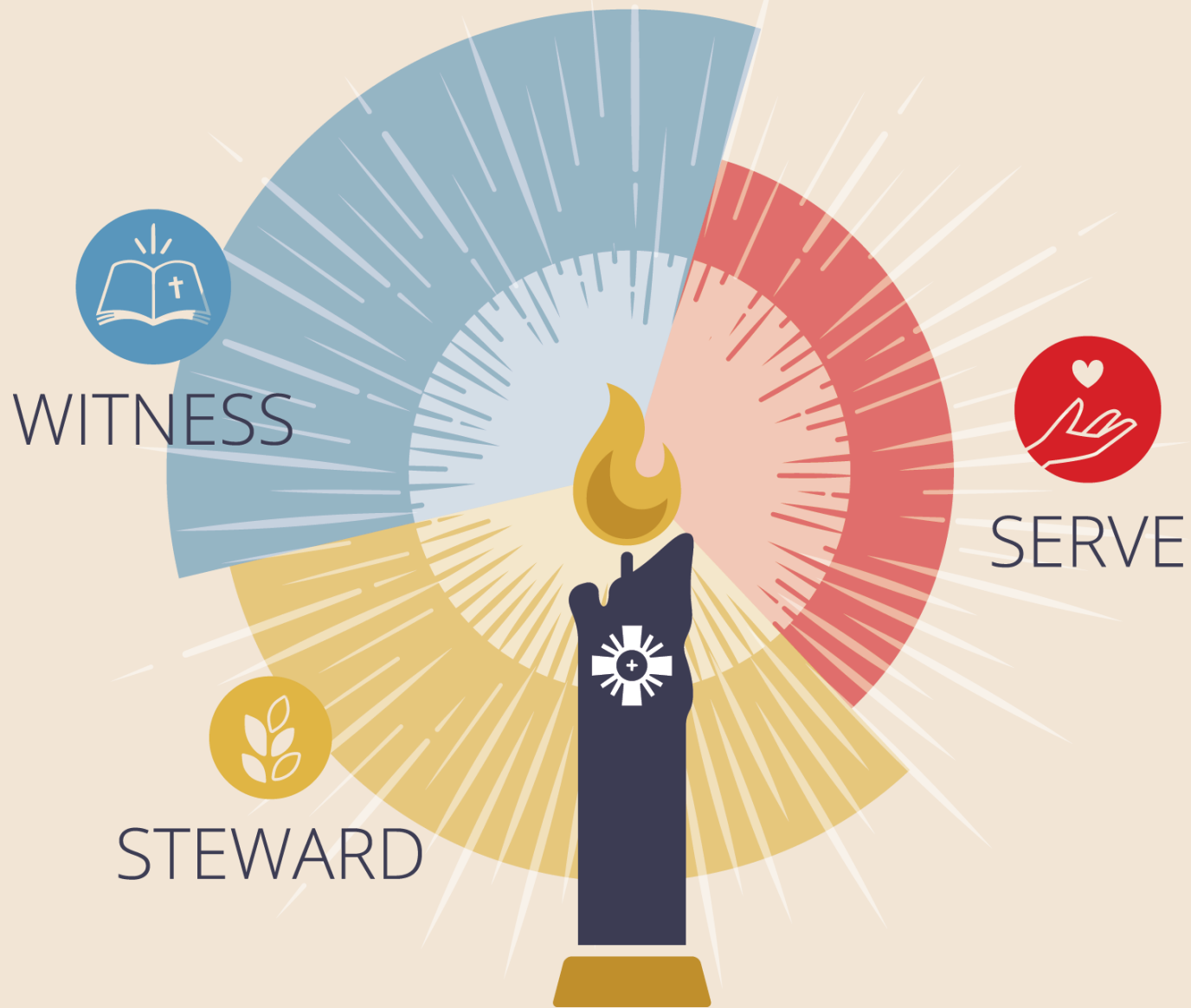
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Session 1:

**The Journey From Pre-Trust to
Initial Conversion**

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Good Shepherd Parish

Time: 10:00-3:30

Session 2:

**The Journey From Beginning
Disciple to Missionary Disciple**

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Good Shepherd Parish

Time: 10:00-3:30





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.

