

May 25, 2021

My sisters and brothers of St. Cletus,

As you may remember, in the late Summer of 2019, our parish, under the oversight of our Parish Council, began to consider the creation of a Strategic Pastoral Plan for our faith community which would guide our priorities for the next three years.

As part of that process in an attempt to determine those priorities, we undertook the following steps:

1. We invited Mr. Vince Estrada to guide our process here, Mr. Estrada having led such processes in many parishes in our Archdiocese.
2. We organized a Pastoral Planning Committee comprised of representatives from our Parish Council and our parish's four pillars.
3. On November 16, 2019, we held a six-hour long Visioning Day, in which over one hundred parishioners gathered to help surface those priorities.
4. On January 19, 2020, we conducted a survey at that weekend's Masses asking our parishioners for their input about those priorities.
5. In March 2020, the members of our Pastoral Planning Committee refined those priorities and were ready to present them to the leaders of our parish's ministries at our Spring Parish Leaders' Meeting when, suddenly, all regular parish activities were suspended due to the Covid-19 epidemic.

Now, with the commissioning of our new Parish Council this past January, we are ready to regain the momentum of this process. Mr. Estrada has agreed to work with our Council and our various ministries to help reacquaint the members of our parish with what we had accomplished previously and to implement our Strategic Pastoral Plan.

Please listen closely to Vince's words found at [www.saintcletus.org](http://www.saintcletus.org), our parish's website. For those of you who do not have internet access, we plan to show this video in our Parish Hall. Look for more information soon as we move forward with this exciting plan.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Jim Benz  
Pastor

