



## WHAT IS IT?

Launched by Cardinal Tobin in June 2025, and inspired by *Evangelii Gaudium*, this is an invitation to “**PASTORAL CONVERSION**” – a call for every member of the Church to take shared responsibility in renewing our Catholic presence by embracing evangelization and missionary outreach while adapting to today’s cultural and social norms.

### WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS INITIATIVE?



Renew Missionary Purpose



Deepen Parish Vitality



Foster Shared Listening & Action

### WHY IS RENEWAL NEEDED NOW?

#### A CHANGING LANDSCAPE SINCE 1998:

- Mass attendance ↓ **53%**
  - Baptisms ↓ **61%**
  - Marriages ↓ **75%**
  - Funerals ↓ **56%**
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#### FEWER PRIESTS TO SERVE:



- Only **127 priests** under 50
- By 2044, fewer than **131 pastors** available

**YET, THE POPULATION IS GROWING!**



Each county is projected to grow **3%+**



More people to reach with Christ’s love



### HOW THIS WILL WORK? Our faith must respond to today’s realities.

We will walk together in faith, listening, discerning, and acting to bring Christ to the world.

#### AREAS OF MISSION FOCUS:

1. Evangelization and Outreach – How will we share the Gospel with all people in our area?
2. Pastoral Care of the Faithful – How will we care for all Catholics in our parish communities?
3. Long-Term Sustainability – How will we provide support for parishes into the future?

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS TO GUIDE US:

1. Where are we now?
2. Where is God calling us to go?
3. How will we get there together?

#### GUIDING VALUES:

1. *Synodality* - Listening, walking together
2. *Subsidiarity* - Trusting local wisdom
3. *Solidarity* - Unity in diversity

#### WHO’S INVOLVED?



1. Clergy, religious, lay leaders, and YOU
2. Guided by Bishop Saporito & RCAN Commissions
3. Cardinal Tobin listens—but makes final decisions

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:



Join parish listening sessions



Stay open to change



Share feedback and ideas



Support and pray for your community and the entire Archdiocese

Stay connected with your parish and the Archdiocese to follow the progress of this important initiative.

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