



Diocese of
Green Bay

Statement of Natural Family Planning Program Philosophy Adopted May 2019

Diocesan Vision

We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the
Kingdom of God

NFP Office Mission

As missionary disciples, we are devoted to building and maintaining an environment where Natural Family Planning is more widely understood, accepted and practiced. We will accomplish this...

- by collaborating to offer quality NFP education at multiple points
 - by identifying and equipping clergy and ministry leaders
 - by building bridges with medical professionals
 - through routine community outreach



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Statement of Natural Family Planning Ministry Objectives Adopted July 2019

The Diocese of Green Bay in conjunction with affiliated Natural Family Planning instructors and supporters, will collaborate to...

1. Equip diocesan clergy and other parish employees working with families and engaged couples to confidently preach challenging aspects of Church teachings regarding human sexuality.
2. Provide outreach to the medical community with regards to diocesan resources and medical rationale for NFP as well as facilitate their continual formation with regards to Natural Family Planning methods.
3. Provide continued formation to current and future NFP teachers on missionary discipleship and other diocesan initiatives as well as on formation in NFP ministry and science.
4. Work with Offices of Catholic Schools and Child and Youth Faith Formation to support and equip teachers to incorporate Theology of the Body education into their curricula to promote a consistent message of God's plan for human sexuality across the age spectrum.

**In the winter and Spring of 2019 an NFP ministries steering committee met to select and develop each of these objectives further. Multiple specific and actionable objectives were developed for each of the goals listed above which implicate multiple diocesan offices and players in NFP ministry from pastors, to educators, to physicians, etc. These goals will be reevaluated every other Spring and be kept, modified or replaced as needs evolve and as progress on existing goals is made and sustained.*



Specific Objectives Expressed as SMART Goals

*The goals in red below are subject to periodic modification or replacement on an as-needed basis. This may occur as progress in these goals is sustained, as other more imminent needs surface, etc.

1. Equip diocesan clergy and other parish employees working with families and engaged couples to confidently preach challenging aspects of Church teachings regarding human sexuality.

- The diocese will present at the 2019 Deacon Discipleship Conference on the topic of TOB/NFP. The presentation will focus on kerygmatic preaching and garner interest in a more in-depth course for continuing education credits. Collaboration with NFP providers may be called upon to plan this presentation.
- NFP teachers will work with the diocese to develop a training for parish staff and Marriage and family ministry workers/volunteers to familiarize them with NFP ministry in the diocese, promote NFP education as part of the marriage prep process and equip them to offer programs in their parishes which would educate already married couples on NFP. We will have visited 3 parishes by the end of 2020.

2. Provide outreach to the medical community with regards to diocesan resources and medical rationale for NFP as well as facilitate their continual formation with regards to Natural Family Planning methods.

- We will launch an update to the “For Medical Professionals” page of the ournaturalfamily.com website by the end of 2020 to make the page more engaging and to facilitate physicians’ continuing education. We will do this by a) producing a brief welcome video, b) including links to current and relevant medical research as well as resources, and c) by providing a list of local NFP Supporting Physicians (See third goal below)



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- By the end of 2020, we will facilitate a presentation by the Fertility Appreciation Collaborative to Teach the Science (FACTS) to a medical audience in our diocese. We will accomplish this through a coordinated community outreach effort aimed at patients as well as through continual outreach with physicians and through work with mission effectiveness coordinators in our Catholic hospitals.
- By May 2020, we will be maintaining a referral list of NFP supporting physicians in our diocese and will have defined the process for inclusion on this list. We will grow this list via personal relationships between NFP teachers and local physicians as well as through the Mission Effectiveness Coordinators and will continue to tap NFP teachers for assistance in maintaining these relationships with local doctors.

3. Provide continued formation to current and future NFP teachers on missionary discipleship and other diocesan initiatives as well as on formation in NFP ministry and science.

- We will work with other diocesan offices to expand FCC Ongoing Formation offerings to include currently available NFP courses, as well as courses to address the ministry and programming aspects of NFP for clergy and others.
- The office of Marriage, Family and Pro-Life will include 8 professional development items in the quarterly newsletter by the end of 2020. These items will be sourced from NFP teachers in our area and beyond and be offered in a variety of formats.
- All NFP teachers in our diocese will have each attended at least one discipleship seminar by April 2020.



4. **Work with Offices of Catholic Schools and Child and Youth Faith Formation to identify and equip teachers to incorporate Theology of the Body education into their curricula and promote a consistent message of God’s plan for human sexuality across the age spectrum.**
- Identify and train 5-6 presenters to present on Theology of the Body as a speaker in Catholic Middle Schools for 2019-2020 school year.
 - Research and present on other dioceses and how they are working with Catholic schools to enhance TOB education. The presentation of these findings will occur by the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
 - A cross-functional team within the Families and Schools of Discipleship mission team will perform an assessment of what’s being covered in the realm of Theology of The Body in both Catholic schools and in Youth Ministry in the 2020-2021 school year.

The Bishop of Green Bay

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