PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

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Dear Friends,

We are entering a new phase of discernment in Partners in the Gospel, focused on the question: **Who is God calling us to become?** An important starting point for our COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS is to ground ourselves in our current reality (use the QR code or visit https://www.stjames-cathedral.org/Events/2026/17CurrentReality.pdf). I encourage you to familiarize yourself with this information which provides important context for us to create a vision for the future.

There are many opportunities for you to participate and you should feel free to attend the one that best fits your schedule, no matter the location. **Please make joining in one of these COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS a priority this Lent**!

- Sunday, March 8 at 6:15pm (after 5:00pm Mass) **in Spanish**, Christ Our Hope
- Sunday, March 15 at 10:15am (after 9:00am Mass), Christ Our Hope
- Monday, March 16 at 6:30pm, Holy Names Room, Cathedral (RSVP to Maria Laughlin, mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org)
- Thursday, March 26 at 2:00pm **Zoom** (RSVP to Maria Laughlin, mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org)

When we gather, we are going to address the following three questions. I encourage you to give them some prayerful consideration before attending one of the sessions:

- What did you take away from the "Current Reality" report? What troubled, surprised, or encouraged you?
- What new groups of people are we being called to reach out to? Who have we not been serving?
- What ministries and/or programs do we want to enhance, or to begin, to fulfill our vision of who God is calling us to become? What existing ministries may God be calling us to reconsider or leave behind?

This process of entering into dialogue with each other and with the Holy Spirit will enable our community of faith to be more effective at sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. As we continue on the path of becoming one parish, our common baptism calls all of us to be co-responsible for shaping this vision under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. May we all enter into these conversations intentionally and prayerfully. We know that if we do our part, God will always be present to us, guiding us along the way.

Father Gary Lazzeroni, *Pastor*