



Pastoral Plan Implementation Six-Month Update January 2024 – July 2024

Since the launch of our Pastoral Plan in December 2023, the Diocese of San Jose are grateful for the progress made and the dedication shown by our parishes, schools, and community members. Guided by the Holy Spirit and under the leadership of the newly established Pastoral Plan and Implementation Office, we have been working diligently to fulfill the plan's priorities of Worship, Outreach, Formation, Youth and Young Adults, Family, and Structural Renewal.

Sharing the Plan

To ensure broad awareness and engagement, we have distributed the Pastoral Plan booklets in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese to all our parishes and schools. We have also conducted numerous presentations and discussions with priests, deacons, principals, parish staff, seminarians, lay leaders, and various community groups, reaching several hundred people across our diocese. Monthly meetings with priests continue to support their efforts in implementing the plan at their parishes and schools. Our award-winning Valley Catholic magazine has been instrumental in highlighting the plan's priorities, featuring one priority in each of the last four issues. The final two priorities will be showcased in upcoming editions. Additionally, Bishop Cantú has recorded a series of videos on each priority, which have been shared with parishes and made available on YouTube.



I learn and absorb so much information from the monthly priest implementation meetings. They are a tremendous help for me as a new pastor with my staff, pastoral & finance councils and different ministries to navigate in the implementation process in my parish that will lead us to the brighter side of success in the near future.



- Fr. Celso Singson, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours

Progress on Phase One Objectives

The 23 objectives under the six priorities have been organized into three phases. In this first phase, we have made significant strides in the following areas:



Worship Objective 1 Foster a welcoming worship environment.

- Created the 10-point hospitality framework to help parishes assess and enhance their welcoming efforts.
- Hosted a hospitality summit with over 150 parish and school attendees, sharing best practices on how to intentionally be more welcoming.
- Scheduled two additional webinars and a retreat for parish and school office receptionists to increase our welcome, service, and love of neighbor.

Worship Objective 3 Support thoughtful homilies

- Homiletics workshop for priests and deacons is scheduled for November 2024.



Formation Objective 1 Increase Prayer Opportunities

- The Evangelization Department hosted a Diocesan Eucharist Congress in June 2024 with over 500 participants.



Youth and Young Adult Objective 1 Host a youth and young adult assembly

- Young adult (18-35) assembly is scheduled for September 21, 2024.
- An online survey for young adults was launched on July 1, 2024, and will remain open until August 31, 2024.
- Youth (12-17) assembly is planned for February 2025.



Family Objective 1 Support Parents as the family's primary catechist

- The Office of Faith Formation has partnered with the National Community of Catechetical Leaders (NCCL) for a three-year initiative that offers training, resources, and support for parents to be primary catechists for their children. 21 parishes (11 multilingual and 10 English-only parishes) are participating in this program.

Family Objective Support the Lifecycle of the Family

- The Office of Adult Spirituality and Family Life hosted a gathering of over 100 marriage and family ministry leaders from across the diocese to network, brainstorm, and plan for expanding the ministry.
- The Office of Adult Spirituality and Family Life has begun a needs assessment of parishes of their marriage and family programs in alignment with the California bishops' "Radiate Love" initiative.



Structural Renewal Objective 4 Secure pastoral plan funding

- Discussions with donors and funders and feasibility studies are underway.

How You Can Get Involved



We invite you to visit www.dsj.org/pastoral-planning for more information on how you can support and participate in the implementation of our Pastoral Plan.

