

# Participants

## KEY PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROCESS OF REVITALIZING AND STRENGTHENING OUR PARISHES AND MINISTRIES

- **Bishop** – Bishop O’Connell initiates the diocesan-wide process of parish strengthening, and enlivening, approves the project goals, reviews all Final Recommendations, and makes the final decisions after appropriate consultation.
- **Diocesan Project Coordinator** – Msgr. Leonard Troiano manages the personal contacts and logistics for the planning process within the diocese and coordinates all planning initiatives with the Bishop, diocesan and parish leadership, and the consultants.
- **Diocesan Planning Commission** – A group of 20 ordained, religious and lay leaders broadly representative of the diocese who are delegated by the Bishop to affirm the planning assumptions and criteria, study the parish/cohort evaluations and suggestions, make preliminary and then final recommendations after a review of each cohort’s response.
- **Presbyteral Council** and other diocesan advisory groups – These groups provide needed advice and/or consent to the Bishop as he requests.
- **Episcopal Council** – This group of Pastors and Diocesan officials advised the Bishop during the preliminary phase of the project, and will advise the Bishop in the Implementation phase of *Faith in Our Future*.
- **Diocesan Staff**—These leaders are important resources to assist parish and cohort core teams with their work.
- **Parish Core Teams** – Groups consisting of the pastor/administrator and four other parish leaders who are responsible for seeing that all required work is completed at the parish level, including involving parishioners in the planning process, maintaining open and direct communications within their parishes, and representing the parish in all cohort meetings.
- **Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council** – While the Parish Core Teams are “responsible for seeing that all required work is completed at the parish level,” it is vital for input to be provided by the two councils in the parish.
- **Cohort Core Teams** – Groups consisting of parish core team members from all parishes in a given cohort who study the various parish self-evaluations, complete a cohort evaluation, decide upon a cohort suggestion and rationale, review the preliminary recommendation from the Diocesan Planning Commission, and make a cohort response and rationale.
- **Campus Ministers, Hospital Chaplains and Prison Chaplains** – Active participants in the planning process.
- **Parochial Vicars** – Active participants in the planning process.
- **Deacons** – Active participants in the planning process.
- **Parish and School Staff members and Parishioners** – Active participants in the planning process.
- **Consultants** – A team of professional consultants from The Reid Group experienced in prophetic planning and parish restructuring.
- **Diocesan Parish Facilitators** – Experienced men and women from around the diocese who will help in facilitating meetings at the parish and cohort levels when requested.