

the Beacon of Hope: Light it Up!

The Vision Planning Process for the parishes of St. Gabriel and St. Bridget

UPDATE: SUMMARY & BIG SURVEY

On behalf of the **Collaboration Team**:

Thank you for your input and feedback at the town hall meetings, survey and your individual feedback through our vision planning process thus far. The process has been deeply enriched by your input, and it has gained a momentum in the parishes for good work to be done.

We just finished the series of 6 town halls through which we learned much, especially about each other. The energy and enthusiasm was enlightening. Working through our consultant we learned a couple key things about our communities:

- Our Parishes want to be more welcoming. Each parish together has expressed a strong desire to be welcoming to each other and to those outside the church community.
- Our Parishes want to reach out into our surrounding communities with enthusiasm.
- Our Parishes really want to know more about one another, and cooperate on projects.

Data was shared with us showing that:

- Over 20% of children in Union and Fayette counties live in poverty
- Foster kids who outgrow clothes still wear them, due to poverty, or shortage of available resources.
- 50% of residents in Fayette and Union counties have no church affiliation, and thus no solid foundation of faith.

We have an opportunity to make an impact on all of these 3 statistics and many others going forward. Developing the vision and directions our parishes are passionate for has been the work of the last months. It has been met with great optimism for what we can contribute together.

Now the process will change into the planning stage. The C-team will begin to develop the plan based on data we gathered from you and our consultant. This part of the process will take months to complete. During this period we will ask each of you to participate in the **Big Survey beginning May 13th**. This survey is different than the first survey. Multiple choice answers to questions surrounding our parish needs as established thus far will be presented. Your answers to these questions will narrow the focus of our vision. The data gathered will allow for decisions to be well informed and reinforced by the parishes. **Your participation is important!**

You will see on the other side of this page, that our work is not complete. The information gathering is just about complete with the BIG Survey. Analysis of the information and discernment of our common vision will commence. A possible survey to test those decisions is in the schedule, and of course a final review and presentation will follow.

Even then our work is not complete. Only then, is it set out for us to meet. Once our missions are revealed by this planning process, we will execute it with the momentum already built-up.

We pray for clarity to see the work our Lord has for us, and courage to execute it with righteousness.

Thank You.

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much has been done: **What's Next?**

*Dates are adjusted from previous communications and are approximate.
(We are volunteers after all.)

Collaboration Team Introduction	Week 1	Nov 29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Visioning Online Survey ✓ Interviews ✓ Facilities Site Assessments ✓ 6 Town Hall Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week 2 (collect for 4 weeks) Week 2 (interview over 4 weeks) Week 2- 8 (When available) Week 6 (meet over 6-8 weeks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 11-Jan 8 Dec 1 - Jan 1 Dec 11 - Jan 15 Jan 8 - Feb 28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Facilities Assessment Report ✓ Headlines Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week 10 Week 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 30 Feb 28
<p>The BIG Online Survey Multiple choice survey with questions developed from the town hall meetings, interviews, facility assessments, and other input from the parishes.</p>	Week 16 (collect for 3 weeks)	May 13-June 3
<p>Goals and Objectives Meetings C-Team and consultant analyze and discern, from the data gathered, the common missions of which our parishes are to embark and facility adjustments that will accommodate them.</p>	Week 19	June 3
<p>Goals / Objs Survey (Optional) If clarity is needed, the established goals and objectives will be put forth into an additional survey open to the parishes.</p>	Week 21 (collect for 2 weeks)	June 17 - July 1
<p>Analysis and Design Work Refinement of the missions and objectives, as well as gathering input with regard to any facilities decisions such that the Schematic Design can be completed.</p>	Week 22 -28	July 1 - Aug 12
<p>Final Review C-Team to review the final product for presentation to the parishes, and suggest any adjustments.</p>	Week 28	Aug 12
Final Parish Presentation	Week 30	Aug 19