

ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS
CONNECTED IN THE SPIRIT
INDIANAPOLIS DEANERIES
May 21, 2014

DEANERY: South

COHORT: 8

PARISHES

St. John the Evangelist
Holy Rosary

CITIES

Indianapolis
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Saint John the Evangelist Parish and Holy Rosary Parish to be in Partnership

Goals:

1. In collaboration with downtown and near-downtown parishes evaluate and establish Mass and Confession schedules to best utilize priestly resources
2. Explore opportunities for rotating Eucharistic adoration and procession among downtown parishes
3. Evaluate how pastoral ministers and deacons could help ease the burden for priestly resources at the parishes, e.g. expanding social justice programs, partnership with Right to Life ministries, St. Vincent DePaul Society
4. Develop engaging evangelization programs and processes creating warm and welcoming parishes who effectively proclaim the Gospel
5. Plan and implement vocation awareness programs including priesthood, diaconate, vowed religious, sacramental marriage and committed single life
6. Recognize the gifts of the people from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds and reach out to meet their needs
7. Promote good stewardship of human and financial resources
8. Take active steps to coordinate a joint RCIA, youth and young adult ministry program, and support Roncalli High School and area Catholic schools

Rationale:

These goals are based on the goals and criteria of *Connected in the Spirit* established by the Archbishop, the parish studies, the parishes Response to the Preliminary Recommendations and Parish, Cohort and Archdiocesan data. In particular:

- The reality that both parishes are growing significantly in registered households, average attendance at Mass, and participation in the Sacrament of Confession
- The parishes serve a diverse range of communities that are vital to evangelization efforts in the downtown Indianapolis Catholic community