## METRO SALEM

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Marriage & family catechesis & communication

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Better communication & catechesis around marriage & family. What are some of the teachings / answers around things of marriage & resources.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Better communication around existing & new resources to the vicariate level. Possible vicariate website around resources.

b. On the Vicariate level?

Help pool resources around marriage & family.

c. On the Parish level?

Identify those resources for vicariates. Work closer.

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#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life. Importance of & lack of education about natural family planning (Catholic identity).

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

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#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Create a culture of Catholicism, of Catholic sacramental marriage. Live the Catholic culture we already have. Reinforce our Catholic identity.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Catholic couples are contracepting at the same level as the Western culture.

b. On the Vicariate level?

Natural family planning is healthier. Women who wouldn't dare eat chicken with hormones, take very powerful hormones that destroy so much family life.

c. On the Parish level?

Practice what we preach.

## EAST PORTLAND SUBURBAN

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Inoculate youth & families against the cultural norms of pornography, materialism, relativism, anti-Catholic bias, cohabitation & irreligious behavior and values.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Re-education of parents, parish, communities, schools to be aware of cultural shift that will open eyes to the danger & pitfalls given the chance. Reinforce Catholic values. We want to change the culture.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

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#### b. On the Vicariate level?

Bring speakers into Catholic schools & youth groups for parishes without Catholic schools.

#### c. On the Parish level?

Meet with successfully married couples as role models through marriage encounter, engagement encounter, marriage & family life groups in parishes. Marriage prep. classes. Blessings on families. Blessings on marriage anniversaries.

## EAST PORTLAND SUBURBAN

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life, Sacramental Marriage Vocation

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Within the Archdiocese & parishes, Catholic sacramental marriages should be encouraged as much as priestly vocations.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Marriage should be recognized & fostered as a vocation just as much as priestly or consecrated life. We want to change the culture.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

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#### b. On the Vicariate level?

Bring speakers into Catholic schools & youth groups in parishes without a school.

c. On the Parish level?

Groups of married couples meet with young engaged couples during marriage preps. Bring in speakers. Blessings on marriage anniversaries. Valentine's Day blessings for couples.

## EAST / SOUTH PORTLAND SUBURBAN

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life. Catholic identity in homes.

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

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#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Educate families that have all the "toys, bells & whistles" that our culture indoctrinates as "must haves." Are not as important as our culture dictates.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Encourage Catholic identity in homes. Crucifixes? Jewelry? Prayer?

b. On the Vicariate level?

Bring speakers into Catholic schools, youth groups.

c. On the Parish level?

Blessings on marriage anniversaries.

## EAST / SOUTH PORTLAND SUBURBAN

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life. Catholic position.

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Our position on same-sex marriage should be clearly articulated in a variety of ways. Love the sinner but hate the sin. This is not a matter of compromise with the current culture.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Educate and encourage position on same-sex marriage and LBGT culture. Help faithful Catholics to embrace Church's position & be proud of it rather than "hanging head low."

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

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#### b. On the Vicariate level?

Bring speakers into Catholic schools & youth groups for parishes without Catholic schools.

#### c. On the Parish level?

Blessings on marriage anniversaries & on families. Yearly dinner Mass for married couples.

## COLUMBIA / NORTH COAST

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Diocese provides acceptable programs for marriage prep & marriage enrichment. Programs to take into consideration. Cultures and languages throughout diocese.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Uniformity so volunteers can easily find the info. Consistency is the key.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Develop or choose programs acceptable to our faith. Allow parishes to make choice from options.

b. On the Vicariate level?

We should have [can't read]

c. On the Parish level?

Accepting program [can't read or understand]

May have a special collection to support cost. Consider online vs. book

## **SOUTH COAST**

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage and family life.

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Create a diocesan-wide program around marriage which begins with our religious ed programs and continues through first years of marriage.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Help all parishioners (including children) to understand the beauty and sanctity of marriage so that we can support and affirm married couples, especially those in early years of marriage.

#### a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Develop catechesis around marriage for young children, including those who come from broken homes. Develop marriage prep programs which include mentoring for young couples.

#### b. On the Vicariate level?

Share resources for marriage prep. Develop marriage prep team to ensure continuity.

#### c. On the Parish level?

More education for parishioners. Why is marriage important? Mentor young couples for a period of years. Implement programs from Archdiocese.

## **SOUTHERN OREGON**

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family from engagement through troubling times.

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Have more marriage prep –like Engagement Encounter – a sister to Marriage Encounter.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Go beyond surging hormones to the reality and gift of marriage.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

To be kind and merciful to members who are divorced and want to stay in the church, but wish to remarry. Church shuts them down.

b. On the Vicariate level?

Promote engagement and marriage encounters

c. On the Parish level?

Take advantage of & promote services provided by Archdiocese.

## **SOUTHERN OREGON**

1.	Identify the Pastoral Priority:
	Marriage & family
2.	What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?
3.	What is the Desired Outcome?
	Stronger faith in families
	a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?
	b. On the Vicariate level?
	c. On the Parish level?

## SOUTH PORTLAND SUBURBAN

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Ministry to young adults & marriage. Monthly youth Mass. 18-35 yr olds need continuity. Share staff-appointed youth ministry position within vicariate. Need purpose. No personal connection

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Full time staff position for young adults even if parishes share. No CYO Sunday games.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Get the 18-35 yr olds connected. Catholic connection for our community college.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Ban CYO activities on Sunday. Packet where Newman Center / church / service times are. Archdiocesan overseeing colleges. Youth focus group.

b. On the Vicariate level?

Youth minister trained. Available for teaching/programs

c. On the Parish level?

Focus groups. Environmental / immigration issues. Parental responsibility.

## **TUALATIN VALLEY**

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

- a. adopt a well-organized tool such as "Prepare & Enrich"
- b. develop training programs for couples to serve as "couple sponsors"
- c. develop pastoral guidelines for specific issues (such as infertility)
- d. address couples who are not married & welcome them ("Domestic Church")
- e. establish program for couples for first 5 yrs.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Enrich Godly marriage & family. Develop a pre & post interview to determine effectiveness of programs.(measure marriages /divorces over time).

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

As outlined above

b. On the Vicariate level?

Support all of above

c. On the Parish level?

Individualize to meet needs of parish (not change but incorporate)

## ALBANY / CORVALLIS / SANTIAM

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

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- Honoring of newly married couples & anniversaries.
- Family dinner setting as a faith foundation.
- "Faith Formation Box": Rosary, saints, stuff for kids (candy)
- Religious education classes after Mass for kids.
- Community setting for sharing coffee hour, etc.
- Teach families to recognize they are the first teachers of the faith. Kids can come to these comfortably. Grandparents, mom, dad, + adopted grandparents.
- Look for the human resources in each parish.
- Ministry for "empty nesters," single parents, couples where only one is Catholic.
- Role of Man & Woman in Family. Use his template (?). Husband & wife understanding their roles. Stronger family.
- Mt Angel Retreat: "Come Follow Me"
- Alpha Course (?). Support for families experiencing same-sex attraction.
- For young families returning (post college), invite them to be EMs, readers.

## CORVALLIS / ALBANY / LEBANON

# Identify the Pastoral Priority: Family Life What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative? Provide support for parents; not have children with same-sex attraction. What is the Desired Outcome? Provide regional support system that will help parents with this issue. a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level? --- b. On the Vicariate level? --- c. On the Parish level?

## ALBANY / OLPH

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

The population of Oregon is changing with many new couples / family moving to the area, possibly leaving grandparents and other family members behind.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Build connections to help bond our elderly community with families that don't have others in the area.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Determine if there is a current best practice to model.

b. On the Vicariate level?

Spread the word

c. On the Parish level?

Implement a plan. This will help with youth faith formation.

## **CORVALLIS / ALBANY**

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Formation of parents during religious education

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Parents knowing how to teach faith to children. Faith traditions in the home.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Ideas and resources for written and video. List of speakers. 8-week programs.

b. On the Vicariate level?

Share resources

c. On the Parish level?

A place for parents to meet during religious ed. Childcare provided for younger children.

## ALBANY / CORVALLIS

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Encourage families to take a more active role in educating the children in their faith

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Better catechesis of living out the faith of children through the family

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Better catechesis for adults, parents & grandparents for catechesis of children in the parish.

b. On the Vicariate level?

Coordinate education opportunities in the vicariate

c. On the Parish level?

Carry out educational activities on the parish level.

## ALBANY / CORVALLIS / SANTIAM

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

To emphasize the need for faith formation to families at the time of marriage prep & at the birth or baptism of the first child.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Better institution of faith to young families

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?
---b. On the Vicariate level?
---c. On the Parish level?

## **SANTIAM**

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Education on marriage & chastity, NFP. Difference / goodness / complementarity of men & women. How to help those with same-sex attraction? How to help single parents?

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Understanding of the church's teaching on marriage, chastity.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Standard program for whole Archdiocese for marriage prep.

b. On the Vicariate level?

Men's ministries

c. On the Parish level?

Have good resources available to families like "Formed" online resources for wholesome, Catholic movies, study program, etc.

## SANTIAM / ALBANY / CORVALLIS

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

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#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

To prepare couples for marriage & then follow up after marriage, support for the young family. Remind that family is first teacher of children.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

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#### b. On the Vicariate level?

Retreats, programs, studies, "Come Follow Me"

#### c. On the Parish level?

Special celebrations for Valentine's Day, anniversaries, etc. announce & speak about available programs at Sunday Mass. Busy families don't always catch info just from bulletins.

## ALBANY / CORVALLIS / SANTIAM

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Help for struggling, wounded families suffering from divorce, drug addiction, mental illness, single moms.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Support unity in the family, whether singles, divorced or troubled. Keep children as the first priority.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Provide material for teaching & ongoing ability to touch bases with resources.

b. On the Vicariate level?

Consult, brain storm with other parishes in vicariate.

c. On the Parish level?

Counseling by not only the priest but on involvement of parishioners who have been taught, offer some kind of people support.

## SANTIAM / CORVALLIS / ALBANY

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

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#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

To make families realize they are primary teachers & seriously take on that responsibility. Offer children's liturgies & involve parents. Support parents with materials.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

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#### b. On the Vicariate level?

Pastoral meetings occasionally within vicariate to identify programs & work together. Prioritize needs for local area.

#### c. On the Parish level?

How to capture the desire of people to have strong families & get more involved. Starts with welcoming at Mass. Being a truly welcoming, engaging community might make people happy & eager to come to Mass. If that happens, they will want to be involved.

## **SANTIAM**

1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family

2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Resources & welcome for single parents / families of divorce

3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Continued attendance at Mass / continued participation in the Catholic faith.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Possibly financing & resource development

b. On the Vicariate level?

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c. On the Parish level?

Fellowship aimed at these families

## ST BONIFACE / SANTIAM

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

- 1. Yearly follow up with newly married
- 2. Yearly follow up with newborn

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

- 1. Resources aimed at each year of marriage to strengthen the spiritual element.
- 2. Resources that are age-appropriate to aid in the teaching at home of the faith.
- a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Development of these resources

b. On the Vicariate level?

Committee to help get Resources & info out to parishes.

c. On the Parish level?

Dispersal of resources

## MID VALLEY / ALBANY / CORVALLIS / SANTIAM

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Evangelization of children. Faith embedded in everything we do.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Successful marriages. Successful family, active in their faith.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Provide resources. Advertise info on retreats & weekends.

b. On the Vicariate level?

Mens & womens retreats. Marriage encounter weekends.

c. On the Parish level?

Single parent families. Mens fraternity.

## ALBANY / CORVALLIS / SANTIAM

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Program or active preaching to teach families that they are the first & most important teachers of the faith.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Families & children see truth of, and remain in, Catholic church.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Train & support pastors to accomplish #2

b. On the Vicariate level?

Promote program at each parish

c. On the Parish level?

Pastors preach it/ Parents teach it.

## SANTIAM / ALBANY / CORVALLIS

1.	Identify the Pastoral Priority:
	Marriage & Family Life
2.	What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?
	Alpha program, men's fraternity
3.	What is the Desired Outcome?
	Educate the men their importance of leadership in our Catholic lives (be like Christ)
	a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?
	b. On the Vicariate level?
	c. On the Parish level?

## SANTIAM / ALBANY / CORVALLIS

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Collaborate with lay movements & provide guidance for participation with church \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Create solidarity in our community of families so all can be better directed toward Christ & his model for family.

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Maintain communications with leaders of lay movements, distribute info on media sources & audit the effectiveness & nature of movements.

#### b. On the Vicariate level?

Distribute info from media to parishes. Provide facilities for meetings.

#### c. On the Parish level?

Advertise lay movements & provide guidance on how to stay on-point for our family faith formation.

## ALBANY / CORVALLIS

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life. Recognize the importance of family & marriage. A single parent is still a family.

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

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#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

To keep families in the church – single or couples

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

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b. On the Vicariate level?

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#### c. On the Parish level?

Recognize marriage each month by anniversary celebration & blessing for married couples.

## ALBANY / CORVALLIS / SANTIAM

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Greater faith, understanding of faith and togetherness in the family

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

Stronger families and Catholic bonds that are everlasting

a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

Teaching materials and information on how and what families can do to be better Catholics and better Catholic families

b. On the Vicariate level?

Retreats, events, sharing of information on what works & what doesn't.

c. On the Parish level?

Provide material to families so they can begin practicing faith outside of church.

## **MARION COUNTY**

1.	Identify the Pastoral Priority:
	Marriage & Family Life
2.	What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?
	Promote NFP; it's the best kept secret of the Catholic church
3.	What is the Desired Outcome?
	a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?
	b. On the Vicariate level?
	c. On the Parish level?

## SOUTHERN OREGON

#### Marriage & Family Life

#### Proposed Initiative

- Prepare couples for marriage
- Strengthen family life
- Promote participation in the faith by all members of the family

#### Desired Outcome:

- Improve couple's understanding of what marriage is
- Assist couples in their married life, including couples whose marriages are troubled Enrich family life by providing resources that encourage the practice of the faith

#### On the Archdiocesan level:

- Establish a "hot line" for those couples/families that are in crisis staffed by Catholic trained counselors
- Establish a standardized program for marriage preparation with separate tracks for young couples who are not cohabitating, for young couples who are cohabitating, for cohabiting couples who already have children, and for older couples
- Provide a resource person who is an expert on Natural Family Planning and make that person available to parishes

#### On the Vicariate level:

- Create a "data bank" of married couples willing to serve as resources for other married couples
- Sponsor regular activities, such as Marriage Encounter, for married couples

#### On the Parish level:

- Sponsor a "relationship recovery" program for recently bereaved spouses, recently divorced persons, etc.
- Schedule celebrations for those married for five years, ten years, etc.
- Sponsor family Bible study or other activities that invite entire families to share and explore their faith together

## **SOUTHERN OREGON**

#### 1. Identify the Pastoral Priority:

Marriage & Family Life. Marriage prep including NFP certified trainer.

#### 2. What is the Proposed Pastoral Initiative?

Support for divorcees / marriages in crisis. What about an Archdiocesan hotline for these issues?

#### 3. What is the Desired Outcome?

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a. What should be done at Archdiocesan level?

NFP traveling trainers (there are none in S OR)

b. On the Vicariate level?

Marriage renewal gathering with Archdiocese assistance

c. On the Parish level?

Review / examine what we have, & with Archdiocese, beef up curriculum.