Archbishop Naumann's Pastoral Goals 2005-2015:

The following are the pastoral goals that Archbishop Naumann shared with clergy and pastoral workers soon after he was named Archbishop in 2005.

1. **Conversion** – One of the essential missions of the Church is to bring individuals into contact with Jesus Christ, allowing them to be transformed by the experience of His Love. The Church accomplishes this in numerous ways but most especially through the sacramental life of the Church. Therefore, the care and the fervor with which the Eucharist is celebrated is critical. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is a remarkable tool for Catholics in continuing their ongoing conversion. It is one of my desires to do all that I can to strengthen and renew love for the Eucharist within the Archdiocese, as well as, to renew the practice of Sacramental Confession. Also, retreat programs are an excellent way in which the Church facilitates conversion.

2. **Evangelization** – The mission that Jesus gave the Church was to go and make disciples. It is easy for us as a Church to become internally focused. However, to really accomplish the mission that Jesus has given to the Church we must always be seeking to invite others to know Christ and the Gospel. In parishes this would particularly involve strong RCIA programs, as well as a variety of initiatives to reach out to the unchurched within the community. It also is important for parishes to seek out lapsed Catholics. Part of evangelization also involves making sure our parish communities are inviting and welcoming to strangers.

3. **Catholic education, in all its forms**, has been a very important endeavor within the Archdiocese to promote and support Catholic schools. This remains a huge priority for me. Catholic schools provide environments where students, not only have the opportunity for formal religious instruction, but receive all of their education in an environment that integrates faith into all the other disciplines. One of the great challenges that the Church faces today is keeping Catholic education affordable and accessible to everyone. Another major challenge in this area is the proper formation of teachers for Catholic schools. Catholic education also involves other efforts to pass on the faith beside the Catholic school. This, of course, includes schools of religion, as well as recent initiatives to catechize families together. Under this major goal also is included adult education and formation. It is important to cultivate within adult Catholics a desire to continue to grow in their knowledge of their Catholic faith.

4. **Serving those in need**. An essential part of the mission of the Church is to make the love of Christ visible and tangible to those who are poor, vulnerable and on the margins of society. Under this major goal, the Church's efforts to protect the unborn and to help mothers experiencing a crisis pregnancy, is included. Also, to reach out to the poor within our communities and to help them receive what they need physically for their well-being but also to attempt to share with them the gift of our Catholic faith. It is a critical issue within the Archdiocese how we, as a Church, welcome immigrants. This is a major opportunity for the Church to bring the love of Christ to those who may feel like they are aliens within our community.

5. **Stewardship.** The fifth goal is stewardship. By this I am not referring to efforts to increase the level of our collections. Stewardship is really a way of life. It is a way of looking at life. Stewardship fosters within us a profound gratitude resulting from our seeing everything as God's gift to us. It is out of this profound gratitude that we inevitably are motivated to want to return some of what God has given us back to Him. Stewardship also involves the proper management of the resources that are entrusted to the Church. It is an important responsibility at every level of the Church that we do our best to maximize the resources entrusted to us which have been given at great sacrifice by our people.