



## ARCHBISHOP'S KEY INITIATIVES— SUMMARY FOR PASTORS AND CLERGY

### OUR SACRED PURPOSE:

*Under our Heavenly Father's providential care, guided by the Holy Spirit, and in humble response to the call of Jesus to go and make missionary disciples, we the Catholic Church of Northeast Kansas are committed to embody the life and mission of Jesus through Word, Sacrament, and Service so that all God's people in the Archdiocese may hear and encounter the living Christ and the Joy of the Gospel.*

### OUR TEN-YEAR STATEMENT OF VISION:

*The Catholic Church in Northeast Kansas:  
Growing as disciples of Jesus, making disciples for Jesus.*

### OUR THREE KEY INITIATIVES THROUGH 2025:

#### **INITIATIVE #1: Build a culture of evangelization across the Archdiocese**

##### Goals:

- Pastors will share the work of encouraging missionary discipleship through completing the Annual Pastoral Survey in October 2022.
- Pastors will discern how to strengthen the culture of Eucharistic Amazement within their parish communities, considering 1) how best to highlight the Feast of Corpus Christi 2023 and 2) what 2-3 specific opportunities for further enrichment/formation of individual relationship with Christ in the Eucharist might best serve their community through November 2023.
- Pastors will support the School of Faith's simple way of life that includes friendship, good conversation and the Rosary.

#### **INITIATIVE #2: Strengthen the vocation of marriage and family life**

##### Goals:

- By February 2023, 10-20 parishes will prioritize marriage and relationship health by establishing at least one new skills-based outreach, such as the Communio outreach.
- By June 2023, 20-30 schools or religious education programs will promote healthy marriage and family relationships by providing resources or promoting parish-based relationship outreaches.

#### **INITIATIVE #3: CULTIVATE relationships by engaging in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy**

##### Goals:

- By Advent of 2022, all parishes (or parish clusters) are encouraged to identify 2-5 volunteers as a "Parish Mercy Team" who meet regularly to work in collaboration with Catholic Charities, Social Justice, Respect Life, and Special Needs ministries.
- By Sept 1, 2022, all parishes (or parish clusters) will be empowered to identify a Parish Pro-Life Coordinator and assemble a supporting committee who will foster the "**Walking With Moms**" initiative within the parish and, as needed, mobilize the parish to support a woman/family through connection with Catholic Charities and other community support resources.
- By June of 2023, every Catholic Institution and Parish of the Archdiocese will utilize the "Archdiocesan Best Practices Checklist for Special Needs" to assess and identify ways to improve their services to and accessibility for persons with disabilities and their families, as well as persons who are deaf or have hearing loss, in order to budget for one improvement annually.