



THE ARCHDIOCESE
OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

PARISH EVANGELIZATION SERVICES (PES)

— LISTENING • ACCOMPANYING • EQUIPPING • SENDING —

Archbishop Shawn McKnight's vision:



A RENEWAL
FROM THE HEARTLAND



A SYNODAL
CHURCH



OUR PARISHES AS
CENTERS OF CHARITY AND
SANCTUARIES OF MERCY

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“May the church become known as a place to go when people are thirsty, afflicted, broken-hearted, poor, in their life journey, and are in need of an oasis for healing and help.”

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— Archbishop Shawn McKnight. —

OUR MISSION

Parish Evangelization Services exists to accompany and strengthen parishes to form missionary disciples and be centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy.

We support pastors and parish leaders through accompaniment, formation, resources, best practices, and collaboration processes that build parish capacity.

HOW WE WILL SUPPORT YOU



A relational approach to ministry will help us serve the diverse needs of our local churches and communities.



We walk with parishes through listening, accompaniment, formation, and collaboration.



We listen to understand the unique realities, gifts, challenges, and opportunities within each parish community.



We help pastors and parish leaders strengthen parish capacity for mission through shared discernment and facilitating parish-to-parish connections of best practices.



We will shift support from archdiocesan-centered events and programs to accompaniment and collaborative processes.



We will help facilitate parish and deanery pastoral planning efforts for the future.

CONNECT WITH US

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THE SHIFT WE ARE MAKING

FROM

TO



Events



Accompaniment



Programs



Parish-to-parish best practices



Information



Formation



Leading



Leadership Development



Archdiocesan-Centered Ministry



Parish Capacity Building

THIS YEAR WE HOPE TO SEE



Parishes feeling heard.



Pastors and deaneries supported through pastoral planning and collaboration.



Parish leaders formed, equipped with resources, and connecting parish-to-parish.



Best practices identified and shared across ministry areas.



Parishes increasing capacity by leaders forming new leaders.

IN THIS YEAR OF TRANSITION, WE COMMIT TO



Advancing Archbishop McKnight's vision



Accompanying parishes and deaneries



Listening and fostering meaningful relationships



Honoring existing commitments



Growing in accompaniment and synodal leadership

KEY MINISTRY AREAS WE SUPPORT



Liturgical & Sacramental Life – Supporting parish worship, liturgical ministries, and sacramental preparation.



Evangelization & Catholic Formation – Accompanying parishes in evangelization and forming missionary disciples through adult faith formation, OCIA, children's catechesis, youth and young adult ministry, and parish formation initiatives.



Marriage & Family Life – Supporting marriage preparation, marriage enrichment and family ministry.



Human Dignity & The Gospel of Life – Supporting ministries that protect life, uphold the dignity of every human person, and promote social justice.



Charity & Mercy – Living the Works of Mercy through outreach to the poor, the underserved populations, and those on the peripheries.

PARISH INVITATION



We invite every pastor, parish leader, and ministry leader to walk with us as we continue to live the mission of the Church.



Together, through prayer, discernment, accompaniment, and shared responsibility, we can strengthen our parishes as centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy.



To learn more about Parish Evangelization Services, please visit archkck.org/pes.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

— Matthew 25:35-36