

# The Lynn Catholic Collaborative of St. Mary and Sacred Heart

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*"The Pastoral Plan [Disciples in Mission] ... seeks to revitalize the Church in Boston by positioning our parishes more solidly for the task of evangelization, the work of reaching out to our brothers and sisters and drawing them more fully to Christ Jesus."*

-DISCIPLES IN MISSION: A Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Boston

The Lynn Catholic Collaborative is among the first parishes to participate in the Collaborative Process. Our two parishes became a collaborative in 2013. Since then we have had one Pastoral Staff and the two parishes have been working together on a variety of ministries and activities.

Our first Pastoral Plan was from 2015-2018 and had three goals: 1) Forming Intentional Disciples, 2) Becoming a More Welcoming Community, and 3) Strengthening our Liturgical Celebration. We had many successes with our first Pastoral Plan.

Below is our second Pastoral Plan, which is guiding our decision making from 2018-2021. While our many ministries continue to work to grow new and developing intentional disciples, the four goals will be our specific focus during these three years. Please read through them to see how you can and are a part of our Pastoral Plan.

<i>Bring men between the ages of 14-29 to the discernment dinner and/or retreat – a total of 10 men by June 30, 2019, increased to an overall total of 20 by June 30, 2020, and increased to an overall total of 35 by June 30, 2021.</i>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
The Boston Vocations Office plans and runs several St. Andrew's Dinners and a Discernment Retreat each year. As a Collaborative, we will support our young men in discerning if God is calling them to the priesthood by talking with them, helping them to hear His voice, and bringing them to these events.
<b>KEY STRATEGIES AND MILESTONES</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expand the Vocations Committee.</li> <li>2. Identify men who we will invite to the St. Andrew's dinner and the Discernment retreat.</li> </ol>
<b>HOW CAN I SUPPORT THIS GOAL?</b>
First, pray! Pray for all young men whom God is calling to the ordained priesthood. Second, when we begin to advertise the dinners and retreat, invite young men you know to go with us.

<i>Establish a comprehensive collaborative youth ministry that provides a community of faith for middle and high school aged young people, who gather and participate regularly in the life of our parish communities by 2021.</i>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Our middle and high school youth are an important part of our Collaborative. The youth are our future but also play an important role in the Church today. We do not know how our youth ministry program will be structured, but will be speaking with families about what is needed and how we can support our youth's growing faith.
<b>KEY STRATEGIES AND MILESTONES</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coordinate with parents to determine the needs and desires of families with middle and high school youth.</li> <li>2. Hire a youth minister.</li> <li>3. Increase the number of engaged families to 20 families with middle and high school youth.</li> <li>4. Increase the number of engaged families to 30 families with middle and high school youth.</li> </ol>
<b>HOW CAN I SUPPORT THIS GOAL?</b>
We will need the engagement of all families in our planning meetings. A successful Youth Ministry program needs the support and involvement of the entire Collaborative.

<i>Increase Evangelical Catholic small groups of 8-12 people to 11 groups by 2019, 16 groups by 2020, and 21 groups by 2021, including a minimum of 2 men's groups, 2 women's groups, and 2 family groups.</i>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
We currently have seven small groups in our Collaborative. As we move into the new year, we will be training new small group leaders and exploring how we can support families through this ministry.
<b>KEY STRATEGIES AND MILESTONES</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hire a Director of Small Groups.</li> <li>2. Train new small group leaders.</li> <li>3. Create the small groups.</li> </ol>
<b>HOW CAN I SUPPORT THIS GOAL?</b>
Is God calling you to introduce others to Christ through our small groups? Is your role to lead a small group or to be a small group member? Be not afraid, and try something new!

<i>Grow the spiritual life of the Collaborative through education and possible new opportunities of prayer and worship, increasing to 100 people weekly by June 30, 2019, increasing to 175 people weekly by June 30, 2020, and increasing to 300 people weekly by June 30, 2021.</i>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
We are an active Collaborative with many opportunities for prayer and spiritual growth. We continue to work to better communicate these opportunities and will create new ones that will support the growth of our parishes.
<b>KEY STRATEGIES AND MILESTONES</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establish a Spiritual Life Committee.</li> <li>2. Create a Communications Committee.</li> <li>3. Current ministries work with Spiritual Life Committee to create descriptions, explanations and invitations of all current prayer/worship opportunities.</li> <li>4. Develop a communications plan.</li> <li>5. Spiritual Life Committee to pray for the Collaborative and expand the prayer and worship opportunities, including descriptions, explanations and invitations.</li> </ol>
<b>HOW CAN I SUPPORT THIS GOAL?</b>
In addition to Mass on Sunday, how are each of us participating in the life of the Collaborative and growing spiritually? Each person is invited and challenged to do one additional activity each week.