

St. Charles Borromeo Parish & Sacred Heart Parish are getting involved in the

NEXT GENERATION PARISH



We are living in a time of great renewal!

There are so many wonderful programs and initiatives that offer promise and hope for the future of the Church we love and serve. As Catholic Leadership Institute has served the Church over the past 25+ years we have learned that the implementation of even the best programs necessitates support structures to ensure the full potential of what they promise.

CLI's research has shown how the leadership of the pastor directly relates to the parish as a dynamic place of encounter. However, even for the best leader, this responsibility is increasingly daunting as he is only one man who only has so much time and energy.

Desiring to create a network of support around the pastor, his team and his parishioners, Catholic Leadership Institute is excited to offer The Next Generation Parish. This experience will help parishes envision the future and overcome obstacles that might hinder that vision from being actualized. *This is not just one more program, one more offering - It is a comprehensive way to ensure a sustainable future full of hope!*

"The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community."

*—Pope Francis,
The Joy of the Gospel,
#28*

Staff from the Catholic Leadership Institute would like to meet and interview parishioners in person on Sunday, October 18, 2020 and do virtual meetings on Monday, October 19, 2020 in order to get to know the faith of the people who make up our parishes. More information will be forthcoming to sign up for a personal interview.



Public Parish?

Why do we need the Next Generation Parish now?

As we continue to move into the 21st century, parishes are increasingly challenged by changing societal norms, declining sacramental participation, and a massive, upcoming generational shift which will yield a smaller number of practicing Catholics in the next generations. We can no longer take for granted some of the basic assumptions on which much of parish life today is based.

The Next Generation Parish experience will provide the pastor and his community with the opportunity to assess it's greatest opportunities and strengths, develop a plan to move into the future, and most importantly cultivate a deeper missionary spirit throughout the community.

We have identified 4 Key Factors of a parish that move it from maintenance to mission—propelling it into the Next Generation:

A Next Generation Parish:

fosters
SPIRITUAL MATURITY

...and a plan for discipleship of its members

shares
LEADERSHIP

...by maintaining a commitment to a healthy organization

offers a vibrant
SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

...with excellent hymns, homilies, and hospitality

embraces a
MISSIONARY IMPULSE

...to go out and bring others to Jesus