



Diocese of Gary

Most Reverend Donald J. Hying

Ss. Peter and Paul and St. Joan of Arc -Merrillville

Reverend James Meade, Pastor

Ecclesial Area:

Evangelization

SMART Goal:

Create an apologetics committee that will research and utilize apologetic resources that will be used as formation tools.

Priority:

Provide apologetic formation in order to intelligently promote and explain Catholic teachings.

SMART Goal Rationale:

Our families have many friends and relatives that are either inactive, disbelieving Catholics, or are even anti-Catholic. We want to prepare people to answer regular, normal questions or statements made about the Church.

Ecclesial Area:

Evangelization

SMART Goal:

Sponsor a program that will include guest speakers and music.

Priority:

Enhance evangelization efforts through inter-parish collaboration.

SMART Goal Rationale:

Ss. Peter and Paul and St. Joan of Arc are blessed with strong music programs. We would like to evangelize and connect with people through a concert.

Ecclesial Area:

Discipleship

SMART Goal:

Engage 5-10 new families to join in service with current ministries as well as new projects.

Priority:

Discipleship and Formation - Form service-minded people in order to carry out their missions as Christ's disciples.

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SMART Goal Rationale:

Service projects already in place, or new ones to be added to both parishes, will help recruit and train service-oriented people to carry out Christ's mission to make disciples of all nations.

Ecclesial Area:

Marriage and Family

SMART Goal:

Provide personal witness and on-line resources to persons navigating marriage and/or family issues; managing marriage and family mishaps with Jesus.

Priority:

Marriage and Family - Help for people navigating through troubled marriages or family life.

SMART Goal Rationale:

Ss. Peter and Paul and St. Joan of Arc parishes have a great resource in that we have many couples that have been married 30+ years. We want to share their tried & true methods of surviving marriage/family issues.