



This Advent season, Bishop O'Connell has asked us to be part of the current cycle of parish planning by participating in the [Faith in Our Future](#) process. The goals of this process include:

- **Strengthening and enlivening** the parishes of the Diocese as well as Diocesan-sponsored organizations and ministries.
- Exploring **new models of leadership** in parishes and ministries in institutional settings (schools, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, etc.) in order to address the challenges presented by the anticipated retirement of a large number of clergy and religious over the next ten years.
- **Improving our stewardship** of personnel, finances, and facilities and other parish and Diocesan resources.
- Establishing **collaborative relationships** among the parishes and ministries of the diocese that will build upon the gospel to re/evangelize the local church, especially those who live on the fringes of the church, as well as those who do not yet know Christ.
- Providing for pastoral ministry to **Hispanic Catholics**, the fastest growing segment of our Diocesan population, within our parishes and organizations.

A Core Team of parishioners has been named by Fr. Angelito to lead our efforts in the process. They are: Rob Mercado (Chair), Bob Ambrose, Rick Schuberth, and Cindy Ventura. The Core Team attended a training session on Nov 17, 2015 date to become acquainted with the materials we will be using to assess our parish ministries.

They will be overseeing the evaluation of parish ministries based on the Criteria for Planning, including Sacramental Life; Evangelization, Catechesis and Catholic Schools; Communal Life; Stewardship and Leadership.

As the team begins to organize, they will keep us informed on a regular basis.

For additional information, please visit the Diocesan website.

<http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/faithinourfuture/>