



PROCLAMATION OF THE PASTORAL VISION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO

To all of Christ's faithful people, the priests, deacons, consecrated women and men religious, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of San Antonio:



LIVING AS A SYNODAL CHURCH
COMMUNION. PARTICIPATION. MISSION.

ON THE 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2013, as we gathered at San Fernando Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, I proclaimed in your presence, a Pastoral Vision for the Archdiocese of San Antonio:

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

UNITED AS CHURCH

SENT BY THE SPIRIT

This vision celebrates who we are and places before us the question put to Peter in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost, "What must we do?" (Acts 2:37) As we are called into discipleship through the encounter with Christ, we cannot be passive. Illumined by the guiding principles and spirit of the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, we recognize that our following of the Lord calls us to build a welcoming Culture of Encounter as disciples and missionaries as well as, recently summoned by the invitation of Pope Francis to live as a Synodal Church:

Seeking to live in sacramental communion with one another, the Archdiocese of San Antonio exists to make disciples and missionaries of Jesus Christ to prepare for the promise of Eternal Life.

Living deeply our core values of:

Prayerfulness

We conform our lives to Christ through faithful meditation on God's will and loving presence as we fulfill the responsibilities of discipleship.

Stewardship

Always grateful for the resources entrusted to us, we use them wisely, being transparent and responsible to God and one another.

Unity

Grounded in the Eucharist, we embrace diversity among persons, cultures and apostolates, and foster the bonds of charity that reflect the Trinitarian relationship of God, creating a culture of encounter that leads to communion.

WE CONTINUE TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT to whom we each consecrated ourselves and together consecrated our Archdiocese of San Antonio. We continue to experience great pastoral growth. As I consider our shared progress, I am grateful for you and proud of you. Together, we are energized by the spirit of the V Encuentro and the zeal for modeling a Listening Church, the Holy Spirit has provided confirmation for this course, sending us to share the fruits that have been bestowed upon us. You have also encouraged me to continue focusing on our priorities already proclaimed:

PRIORITIES

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Through our shared encounters with Christ, proclaiming the Good News with joy, zeal, and renewed spirit!

CATECHESIS AND FORMATION

Growing in faith and in knowledge of Jesus Christ through our shared encounter!

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

As Missionary Disciples, strengthened by our shared encounters with Jesus Christ!

I also heard you express the individual concerns and dreams of your parishes, schools, and families. You desired to see this vision come to life in particular ways in your own parishes. I believe that our unity in vision and purpose will be expressed most effectively and most energetically in the context of each parish's particular character and needs.

ON THIS SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, I invite each parish to embrace this call of becoming a Synodal Church and continue working on your previously identified parish goals. When they are met, I encourage you to discern new ones that are also in alignment with the priorities and vision that we share in the unity of our Pastoral Vision. These are supported by our Capital Campaign, all achieved in a Culture of Encounter for a Church that strives to listen more and from that listening discern God's will for us and our mission. I commend you for the goals you have achieved, especially those serving the needs of the most vulnerable among us.

I commit my continued support for each dean and each pastor as you lead this new phase of our Pastoral Vision. I also offer you the ongoing support of the Pastoral Ministry Center in this process. I hope that each person in the Archdiocese will embrace this revised vision as a way of being in our local Church. I invite all communities of faith: families, Catholic schools, universities, associations, and communities of consecrated women and men to join us as we, compelled by the Holy Spirit, live as a Synodal Church.

Therefore, IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE, I, Gustavo García-Siller, a Missionary of the Holy Spirit, the sixth Archbishop of this local Church, on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, hereby renew these strategies so that we may live out our Mutually Shared Vision for Missionary Discipleship in a Culture of Synodal Encounter in our beloved Archdiocese of San Antonio. SIGNED AND SEALED in San Antonio, Texas on the 25th day of March, 2022. ¡Ven Holy Spirit Ven!

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