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Dear Parishioners,

Two and half years ago we began the Beacons of Light pastoral planning for a future as one canonical parish, that vitally proclaims the Gospel, and forms disciples for Jesus. As we move into the second half of Beacons, it is helpful to have a vision for our Family of Parishes. A vision statement will provide both our parish leadership and parishioners with a unified and clear goal.

Our Family of Parishes started working to create a vision statement this past summer. This began by first asking all parishioners for input on what they would like the parish to look like in 10 years. Volunteers from a wide range of different groups and ministries in our parishes were then invited to participate in a day to pray and discuss our hopes for the parish. All of this feedback was then taken by Fr. Don and the Leadership Team to create a statement that encompassed where we want to go as a parish in the future. We are excited to share this vision with the whole parish this weekend. Our vision is taken from the Gospel of John 12:21:

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Imagine what our parish would look like if this goal becomes a reality. A parish that truly sees and reflects Jesus.

Imagine filled churches with beautiful and reverent Masses. An increase in opportunities to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. A parish that recognizes Jesus in each visitor and welcomes them into our community. A parish that offers numerous opportunities to serve those in need through the Works of Mercy. Imagine parishioners that go out to their family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to “be Jesus” to them and lead them to fully see Jesus in the Church. Imagine a parish that allows God to raise us up as saints so that we can “see Him” forever in Heaven.

There are already many ways in which our Family of Parishes is moving towards this vision but there is also much more to be done. As we move forward, we must keep our end goal in mind and recognize that to make it a reality will require changes. As Archbishop Schnurr said at the beginning of Beacons of Light, *“If we are to be the Church as Christ intends, we must understand that “status quo” can have no place in our vocabulary.”* In the next phases of Beacons we will focus on forming a parish culture and creating a strategic plan to make the necessary changes to move towards our vision.

This is an exciting yet challenging chapter in the history of our three parishes. Let’s continue to unite together in prayer, asking for God’s grace and blessings upon us to become a parish that wants to see Jesus.