

Goal 5: Parish Life Coordinators

Given a growing Catholic population and increased demands for sacramental ministry;

Given that the number of active priests diminishes annually in the Archdiocese and there is an insufficient number of seminarians to replace them;

Given that the administrative functions of a parish do not require the charisms of the priesthood;

The whole people of God of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe will encourage the paid professional ministry of Parish Life Coordinators and support the men and women who respond to this call.

OBJECTIVES:

Archbishop:

1. The Archbishop, in collaboration with the Presbyteral Council and the Office of Formation for Christian Service, will promote and fund a program to identify, form, educate, and appoint qualified Parish Life Coordinators by fiscal year 2007-2008.
2. The Archbishop, in collaboration with the Office of Formation for Christian Service and the Human Resources Office, will set just wages and benefits for Parish Life Coordinators by fiscal year 2007-2008.
3. The Archbishop, in collaboration with the Presbyteral Council and the Office of Formation for Christian Service, will update criteria for assigning and evaluating Parish Life Coordinators by fiscal year 2007-2008.

Archdiocese:

4. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Formation for Christian Service will design and implement a comprehensive program to form and educate qualified Parish Life Coordinators by fiscal year 2007-2008.
5. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Formation for Christian Service will develop educational materials for parishes that are/will be staffed by Parish Life Coordinators by spring 2008.

Parishes:

6. Parishes who are led by Parish Life Coordinators will educate their parishioners about the role and responsibilities of Parish Life Coordinators by spring 2008.