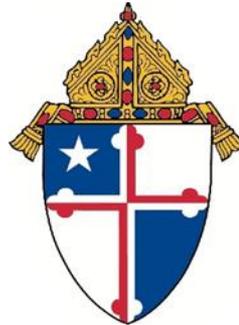


Be Missionary Disciples

 THE ARCHDIOCESE *of* BALTIMORE

Management In-Service Day

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Overview

- What are we talking about here?
 - Background on pastoral letter – why was it written, what does it say?
- What does this mean for parishes, schools and our work?
- Overview of planning process – what are we being asked to do?

A Light Brightly Visible

The Foundational Document

- Sets forth the reason for the call to missionary discipleship:
 - We are all called to love God, love our neighbor and make disciples
 - We must live out this call in context of our current times and in our respective places
- Challenges us to...
 - Go deeper in our faith
 - Embrace the mission of the Church more fully
 - Live out this mission in our daily lives

Key Points for Reflection

- In the introduction, Archbishop Lori asks these questions:
 - Are we equipped to fulfill the great commission?
 - Do we personally have the qualities take up this task?
 - Are our parishes ready to respond to the mission in our times?
 - What decisions need to be made about resources in order to do the work of the Gospel?
 - Are there ways we can pull together to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel more effectively?
 - How can we reach out more dynamically to those who have left and those who are searching?

How it Relates to You

- Pope Francis, in “The Joy of the Gospel,” calls for the renewal of structures:

“The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, **to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself**” (No. 27)

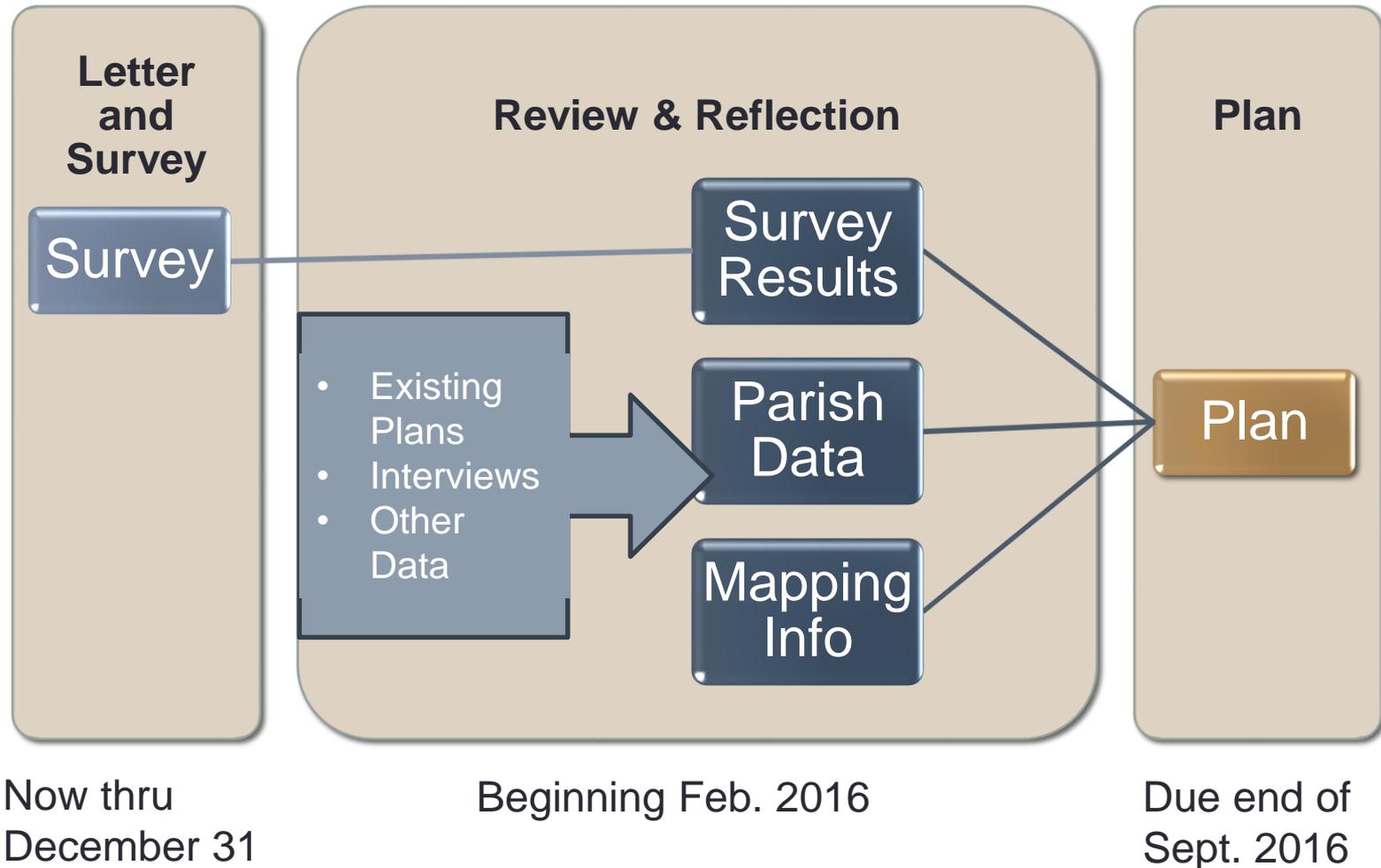
What Does the Mission Require of Us?

- How do we personally answer the questions the Archbishop has asked?
- How do we bring mission into our daily work?
- How might the mission be more abundantly fulfilled through our schools and parishes? What new ideas might we need to be open to?

Be Missionary Disciples Planning Process Guides Us in This Direction

- Two Phases
 - Phase I – parish-level review of and planning for missionary discipleship
 - Phase II – cluster-level planning for mission
- End goal: a plan for each parish that.....
 - describes in clear and measurable terms how it will address core mission priorities over the next 3-5 years
 - is both parish-based and oriented to collaboration with others

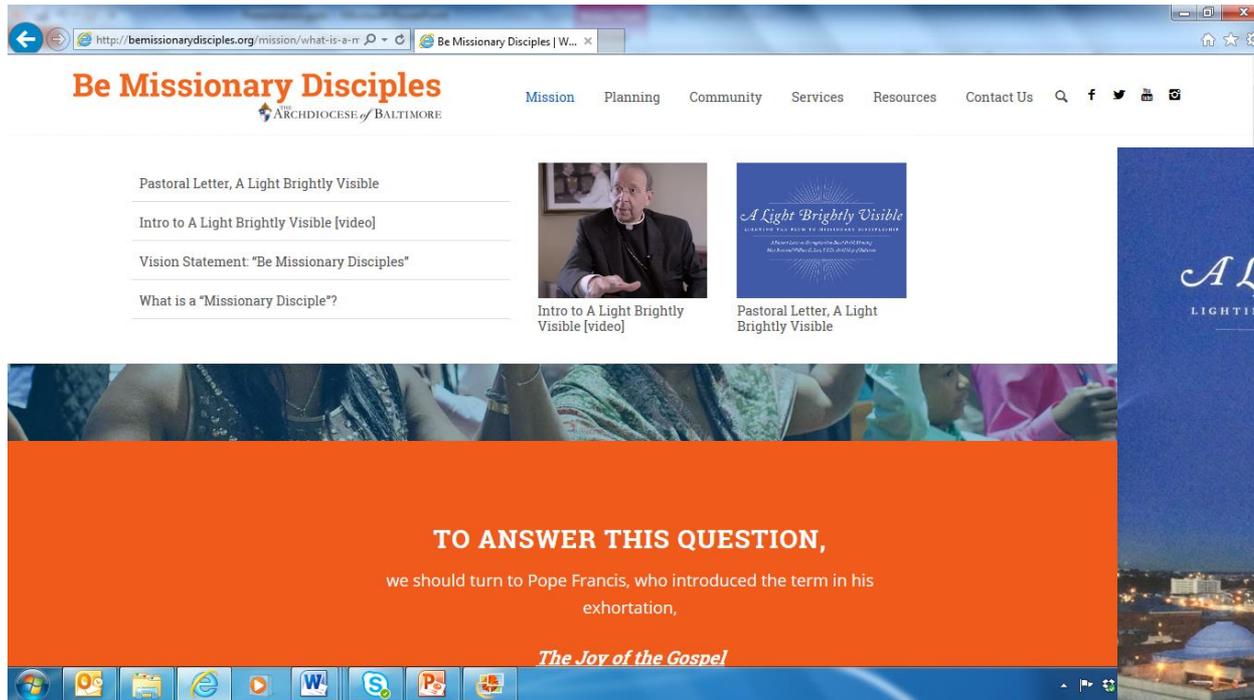
Components of the Phase I Process



Key Tools for Planning

- *A Light Brightly Visible*
- Sample Promotional Materials
- Survey and Results
- Parish Data
- Mapping Tool
- Guidance Document
 - Review & Reflection guidance
 - Plan guidance and template

Where to Find These Tools



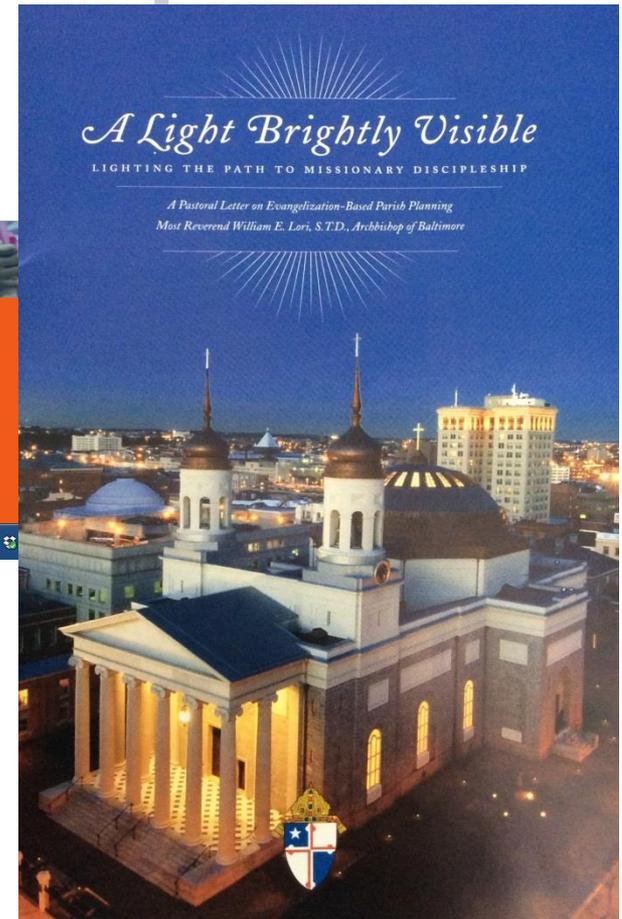
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- Pastoral Letter, A Light Brightly Visible
- Intro to A Light Brightly Visible [video]
- Vision Statement: "Be Missionary Disciples"
- What is a "Missionary Disciple"?

Below the list are two video thumbnails: "Intro to A Light Brightly Visible" and "Pastoral Letter, A Light Brightly Visible". A large orange banner contains the text:

TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION,
we should turn to Pope Francis, who introduced the term in his
exhortation,
The Joy of the Gospel

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- Access pastoral letter
- Access planning tools
- Connect with resources for evangelization

How Does This Relate to Schools Planning?

- Shared data points
- Mutually inform each other as pieces of the same puzzle
 - Information and strategies derived from schools study will influence how parishes carry out the mission and vice versa

Introduction to the Survey

- Goals
 - To get a sense of how we could answer the questions posed in pastoral letter
 - To bring additional insight to the planning process
- Outcomes
 - Survey analysis
 - Raw data

Survey Particulars

- Formats
 - Online at www.BeMissionaryDisciples.org
 - Paper
- Target Audiences
 - Not the unchurched
 - Youth Survey
- Languages
 - English & Spanish