



Beacons Report

Beacons of Light is a process of pastoral planning to best arrange all the resources of the archdiocese to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples in this particular time and place.

In implementing Beacons of Light, possibly the most consequential event this past year was the installation in April of a new archbishop, Most Reverend Robert Casey. As an auxiliary bishop in Chicago, he was instrumental in the pastoral planning process for the Archdiocese. He comes to us with a wealth of practical experience in preparing parish communities to respond to the needs of our time. Archbishop Casey has met with each deanery's priests and Family Leadership Teams. He attended Beacons meetings with pathway leads. He has been well-appraised of this critical initiative in his short time with us. He assures us that pastoral planning is an ongoing process that will extend beyond the implementation of Beacons of Light. In this regard, he confirmed the value of the work of each family's Leadership Team. Archbishop Casey also acknowledged the need for pastoral planning to include both structural and spiritual renewal - a theme we will return to later.

Eucharist

In our family of parishes, it has been a productive year, especially in the spiritual renewal of Beacons of Light. Advancing the **EUCCHARIST** principle, we joined together for the Eucharistic Renewal from Carlo Acutis Day on September 8 through the 40 Hours devotion, November 21-23. The Stations of the Eucharist offered powerful Biblical reflections. We hope that you grew in your love for Jesus through our efforts.

2025 Eucharist Accomplishments

- Eucharistic Renewal
- Parish Mission with John Wood
- 40 Hrs. devotion
- Outdoor Eucharistic Procession
- Refresher training for EMHCs



Carlos Acutis Day, 9.8.2025

Evangelization

Advancing the **EVANGELIZATION** principle, we had a one evening parish mission with Dr. John Wood of Extraordinary Mission and youth involvement in the Detroit pilgrimage, Exalt prayer night, and NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference). We have the beginnings of an Evangelization Commission to guide our parishioners in growing in discipleship and inviting others to join the adventure of following Jesus Christ.

2025 Evangelization Accomplishments

- Parish Mission with John Wood
- Carlo Acutis Miracle Display
- Youth pilgrimage to the Shrine of Little Flower and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit.
- Youth from all 5 churches attend Exalt
- Youth from 4 of the 5 churches attended NCYC



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Shrine of Little Flower and Solanus Casey Center, 5.30.2025

Love in Action

In advancing the **LOVE IN ACTION** principle, we had a diaper drive, a food drive, and a coat and shoe drive in conjunction with our Eucharistic renewal. We were also able to assist Fr. Prashanth's home diocese, the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, through our summer appeal. A small group of parishioners learned more about our work with the parish of La Labor, Guatemala.



Henderson Settlement, August

2025 Love in Action Accomplishments

- Visit made to our Twinning Parish in La Labor, Guatemala
- Began training Stephen Minister Leaders and Care Givers.
- Successful Mission Appeal for Father Prashanth's home diocese.
- Food and Clothing drives during the Eucharistic Renewal
- Continued relationship with Henderson Settlement

Leadership

In advancing the **LEADERSHIP** principle, we are running Who's Who? in the bulletin to reintroduce the staff members who are of service to all of our five parishes. The Family Leadership Team and staff from all locations continue to meet on a regular basis. This past year we brought on an Associate Director of Evangelization, Wes Horstmann, to help strengthen the domestic Churches. In February Sarah Klosterman took the role of Director of Communication as Erik accepted an Evangelization position in a neighboring family of parishes.

2025 Leadership Accomplishments

- Culture Retreat
- Core Values
- Added Members to the Family Leadership Team (FLT)
- Strengthen the Marriage Catechumenate
- Hired an Associate Director of Marriage & Family Evangelization
- Increase consistency across the Parish



Leadership Meeting, November

Church

In advancing the **CHURCH** principle, our five parishes celebrated together the St. John Paul II Mass on October 22, the St. Isidore family picnic on June 23, and shared a meal as part of Carlo Acutis Day on September 8. Archbishop Casey celebrated confirmation Mass at Holy Rosary in October and at Immaculate Conception in February. Please pray for these young people who have deepened their communion with the Universal Church.



Ice Cream Social, 6.23.2025



2025 Church Accomplishments

- Ice Cream Social
- Carlo Day
- Pictorial Directory

Stewardship

Advancing the **STEWARDSHIP** principle, the Stewardship Commission for our family of parishes launched three subcommittees: Welcoming & Hospitality, Parish Involvement, and Stewardship as a Way of Life. I am very excited that we have a team from our own parish who are trained to assist individuals in discernment of charisms through the *Called and Gifted* program.

2025 Stewardship Accomplishments

- New Bylaws along with new members
- Sub Committees working to accomplish the goals of beacons.
- Receiving Time and Talent sheets back
- All 5 Women groups collaborated to provide hospitality at each family event.
- Members attended Called and Gifted train the trainer to begin the program in our Parish.

As mentioned above, Archbishop Casey acknowledged the need for a structural renewal alongside the spiritual renewal. The spiritual renewal announces the Gospel and a renewed call to active discipleship. The structural renewal is a realignment of resources: How do we best arrange the resources of the archdiocese to proclaim the gospel and make disciples in the current cultural environment? The cultural environment of today is very different from the cultural environment of sixty years ago. Most of the resources of the archdiocese are employed at the level of parishes, schools, and other smaller institutions. Answering the question of how best to use the resources will require rigorous yet open discernment at the level of parishes or the level of families of parishes. The structural renewal to which Beacons of Light is calling us will require:

Honesty - to recognize that models for handing on the faith that worked in the past might not be effective in the cultural environment of today.

Faith - to acknowledge that Jesus does not abandon his Church and to embrace his desire for all to hear the Good News of salvation.

Courage - to embrace new models for serving both the needs of current members and the mission of bringing more souls to Christ.

Much continues to happen through the work of our Family Leadership Team and the staff of St. Isidore the Farmer family of parishes. The mission of Jesus and the unraveling world's need for the life and peace that only Jesus can give make this a critical moment. Beacons of Light is calling us to respond to the needs of this present moment with the hope of the gospel.

Beacons Information

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