



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:*

From the first Pentecost, when the disciples called by Christ gathered together in prayer, until our gathering for this vigil today, the promised Holy Spirit comes to fill his expectant Church. Today, in the face of new challenges and opportunities, we ask ourselves the same question put to Peter in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost, "*What must we do?*" (ACTS 2:37). We find the answer in Jesus Christ; who is "*the same yesterday and today and forever*" (HEBREWS 13:8). Led by the Holy Spirit, I invite you to join me in proclaiming our sacred purpose:

**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.**

Grounded in this purpose, I have listened and discerned since my installation as your Archbishop on November 23, 2010. As I have discovered with you our *Future in Faith*, we have lived together Gospel values that have shaped this discernment and listening. Today I proclaim these three values core to our life together in sacramental communion:

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 communion.

With you I dare to envision our Church as we can together become, and I invite you to share the five year vision of our Archdiocese:

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST, UNITED AS CHURCH, SENT BY THE SPIRIT

Two and a half years ago you asked me what priorities I had for the Archdiocese, but in these years I have also asked you the same question. What key priorities will lead us to more fully embody our vision?

It is with great hope and expectation that I proclaim today our three priorities, with their six specific, motivating, achievable, relevant and time-bound goals.

PRIORITY 1:

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Proclaiming the Good News with joy, zeal and renewed spirit!

Goal 1: Develop 4-8 parish leaders in 30-45 parishes and missions in a New Evangelization training series by August 31, 2015

Goal 2: Increase Sunday Mass participation across the Archdiocese on average from 152,000 to 160,000-165,000 by October 31, 2015

PRIORITY 2:

CATECHESIS AND FORMATION

Growing in our faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ!

Goal 1: Recruit and Certify 650-950 catechists from all Deaneries at least at the Introductory Level by August 31, 2015

Goal 2: Enroll 300-500 families in a selected Faith Formation program by October 14, 2015

PRIORITY 3:

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Emerging Disciples of Christ!

Goal 1: Enroll 20-24 new seminarians in formation for priestly ordination in the Archdiocese of San Antonio by August 31, 2015

Goal 2: Sponsor and Charter a leadership team of 8-12 persons to assess and develop models of effective youth ministry in service to the Archdiocese and vibrant parish life by April 1, 2014

The Archdiocese of San Antonio recognizes the importance of young adults in our church and will intentionally integrate into our priorities the engagement, empowerment and participation of young adults. As we develop activities and actions to support each of the six goals, young adults conscious of their vocation in the Church and in the world, will be a cornerstone of our outcome framework.

Let us proclaim our *Future in Faith!* Let us encounter Christ! Let us be united as Church! Let us be sent forth by the Holy Spirit! Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and accompanied by the prayers of our holy patron, St. Anthony of Padua, I recall with gratitude the collaboration of Bishop Oscar Cantú and the envisioning team, the support of Father Larry Christian, my new Vicar General.

IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE I DECLARE:

at San Fernando Cathedral, on this 18th day of May 2013, the Vigil of Pentecost, I, Gustavo Garcia-Siller, a Missionary of the Holy Spirit, the sixth Archbishop of this local Church, hereby proclaim this Mutually Shared Vision for Discipleship and Leadership in our beloved Archdiocese of San Antonio. *Ven Holy Spirit Ven!*



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