

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:



ON THE 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2013, as we gathered at San Fernando Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, I proclaimed in your presence, a Pastoral Vision for the Archdiocese of San Antonio:

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

UNITED AS CHURCH

SENT BY THE SPIRIT

This vision celebrates who we are and places before us the question put to Peter in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost, “What must we do?” (*Acts 2:37*) As we are called into discipleship through the encounter with Christ, we cannot be passive. Illumined by the guiding principles and spirit of the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, we recognize that our following of the Lord calls us to build *a welcoming Culture of Encounter as disciples and missionaries*:

**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.**

Living deeply our core values of:

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 encounter that leads to communion.

WE CONTINUE TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT to whom we each consecrated ourselves and together consecrated our Archdiocese of San Antonio. We continue to experience great pastoral growth. As I consider our shared progress, I am grateful for you and proud of you. Together, we are energized by the spirit of the *V Encuentro* which leads us to a deeper encounter with Christ and with one another, his Church. Through our experience of Encuentro, the Holy Spirit has provided confirmation for this course, sending us to share the fruits that have been bestowed upon us. You have also encouraged me to continue focusing on our priorities already proclaimed:

PRIORITIES

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

*Through our shared encounters with Christ, proclaiming the Good News
with joy, zeal, and renewed spirit!*

CATECHESIS AND FORMATION

Growing in faith and in knowledge of Jesus Christ through our shared encounter!

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

As Disciples and Missionaries, strengthened by our shared encounters with Jesus Christ!

I also heard you express the individual concerns and dreams of your parishes, schools, and families. You desired to see this vision come to life in particular ways in your own parishes. I believe that our unity in vision and purpose will be expressed most effectively and most energetically in the context of each parish's particular character and needs.

Therefore, with this in my mind,

ON THIS VIGIL OF PENTECOST 2018, our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit throughout the 300 years of life and faith in central Texas. I reaffirm my call for each parish to continue working on your previously identified parish goals. When they are met, I encourage you to discern new ones that are also in alignment with the priorities and vision that we share in the unity of our Pastoral Vision. These are supported by our Capital Campaign, all achieved in a Culture of Encounter. I commend you for the goals you have achieved, especially those serving the needs of the most vulnerable among us.

I commit my continued support for each dean and each pastor as you lead this new phase of our Pastoral Vision. I also offer you the ongoing support of the Pastoral Center in this process. I hope that each person in the Archdiocese will embrace this renewed vision and welcome the Culture of Encounter that already begins to permeate our way of being in our local Church. I invite all communities of faith: families, Catholic schools, universities, associations, and communities of consecrated women and men to join us as we, compelled by the Holy Spirit, become a “Church on the move”.

Therefore, IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD’S HOLY PEOPLE, I, Gustavo García-Siller, a Missionary of the Holy Spirit, the sixth Archbishop of this local Church, on the occasion of the Archdiocesan Pentecost Vigil Mass, hereby renew these strategies so that we may live out our Mutually Shared Vision for Missionary Discipleship in a Culture of Encounter in our beloved Archdiocese of San Antonio. SIGNED AND SEALED in San Antonio, Texas on the 19th day of May, 2018. *¡Ven Holy Spirit Ven!*

MOST REVEREND GUSTAVO GARCÍA-SILLER, M.SP.S

ARCHBISHOP OF SAN ANTONIO

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