

**TO CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL OF OUR SOUTH
CAROLINA DIOCESE, ST. FRANCIS JOINS ALL
PARISHES IN LAUNCHING**

MAP

MISSION ADVANCEMENT PLANNING

As a Parish over the next 12 months we will:

- reevaluate the parish mission
- determine parish priorities
- develop specific plans to advance the mission
- fund advancement of parish mission

How will this happen? Who will participate?

- All members of the parish are not only invited but encouraged to take part.
- A core team made up of members of our pastoral council, finance council, school board, and planning committee will begin the effort.
- In the next few months the core team will reach out to members of our many ministries and committees for input in setting mission priorities.

“**MAP**” began with a Parish survey early this summer and a summary of the results are on the back. These results are the starting point to begin our **MISSION ADVANCEMENT PLANNING**.

St. Francis by the Sea Survey Results

Here are the survey questions and the answer chosen by the majority of responding Parish members.

- Q** What do you see as the parish's greatest strength?
A *Sunday Mass – Worship Experience – Sacraments*
- Q** What are the parish's greatest concerns?
A *Decline in active membership of young people*
- Q** What will help us fulfill our mission as a church in the future
A *Help Catholics live their faith more fully as disciples of Jesus*
- Q** What is your willingness to learn more about the Catholic faith and live more fully as a disciple of Christ and a shareholder in the Church's mission?
A *Very high – 32% High – 40%*
- Q** Prioritize following statements in terms of how they would help you grow in your faith.
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| A <i>Enhance the Sunday Mass...</i> | 65% |
| <i>Build a more welcoming caring and loving environment...</i> | 63% |
| <i>Provide teaching on developing my prayer life...</i> | 51% |
| <i>Create more opportunities in how I can serve others....</i> | 48% |
| <i>Teach me more about stewardship...</i> | 44% |
| <i>Make more schedule-friendly retreat opportunities...</i> | 33% |
| <i>Expand the availability of small groups...</i> | 5% |