

PASTORAL MINISTRIES DIVISION  
Archdiocese of Santa Fe  
4000 St. Joseph's Place NW  
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Dear Pastor,

The Listening Session for the NW Deanery is now scheduled for Saturday October 3, 2020 from 2pm to 4pm at Holy Family in Chimayo. Thank you for your help in organizing representation from the parishes in your Deanery—we do appreciate all your efforts!

**The purpose of this Listening Session** is to continue the process to evaluate the 2006 Pastoral Plan in order to update its content for a new pastoral plan. Archbishop Wester is hoping to speak to the pastors and parishioners on LITURGY and EVANGELIZATION efforts that are taking place in their parishes, as defined in the 2006 Pastoral Plan, sections of Sacraments/Worship/Evangelization.

**From that document *Sacraments and Worship is defined as:*** Christ acts in and through the Church. Through ritual actions and sacred signs, the Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery by which God redeems us and makes us holy. Through the grace of the Sacraments, we share in the life of the Risen Christ, from birth to death, to the glory of the Father and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Evangelization is defined as:*** the proclamation, in word and deed, of the Christ of the Gospel to persons in all circumstances for the sake of the new life of faith, beginning with Baptism and lived in communion with the Church.

The process has been slightly modified for this listening session. The session will begin with the evaluation of the goals and objectives in these two areas of the current Pastoral Plan and then continue with an Appreciative Inquiry process, which asks the questions, *What is working, what have we to be proud of? What is not working, what needs to improve?* We will collect information from those present and use this feedback to update these sections of the pastoral plan.

Archbishop would like for Pastors to **invite those individuals in their parishes who are currently involved with liturgy** as Eucharistic ministers, Lectors, RCIA, musicians, diaconal duties, sacramental preparation, etc. as well any **individuals from the parishes that have been active in evangelization efforts**, for example Knights of Columbus, prison outreach, Catholic Daughters, Legion of Mary, any groups that do deliberate outreach to the homeless or the poor, those who conduct bible study groups etc.

A **bulletin announcement** was recently sent to all the parish bulletin editors and parish secretaries with an invitation from Archbishop Wester. A full page flyer is attached. Many blessings and thank you so much for all of your work on this so far. We appreciate your support!

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