



Diocese of Scranton

Parish Mission: The Joy of the Gospel

- Based on Bishop Bambera's Pastoral Letter, *Wounded and Loved, Regathering the Scattered* and Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*
- Format options available — traditional three-evening series with Reconciliation and Mass, or variations as recommended for your parish
- Open to all — parishes might consider special variations for children or daytime components for those unable to attend in the evening; web-based elements
- Incorporates parish leaders in the design and presentation
- Free will offering to cover costs
- Concludes with the call into deeper discipleship, and an opportunity to enroll in some type of adult faith formation, in keeping with the goals of each parish

Step One: Gather a Parish Mission Team to help with planning and to host the Mission — please include 3-5 members, at least one of whom is familiar with the liturgical ministries of the parish

Step Two: Contact the Office for Parish Life to indicate your interest and consider available dates — a staff member will meet with your Parish Team and discuss the details for further planning

Step Three: Create a parish-wide invitation process, enlist needed volunteers, and begin praying as a community for the blessing of the Parish Mission

Step Four: Determine Parish goals for the immediate follow-up — what do you hope will happen in your parish after the Parish Mission? How will people be involved? What preparations are needed in advance?



“Faith means believing in God, believing that he truly loves us, that he is alive, that he is mysteriously capable of intervening, that he does not abandon us and that he brings good out of evil by his power and his infinite creativity. The kingdom is here, it returns, it struggles to flourish anew.”
Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*