

Reinvigorating

The future of the diocese lies in the renewal of parish life. My greatest hope is that by bringing together strong parish structures and well formed parishioners, the result will be more growing, life-giving, vibrant parishes in the future.

Wounded and Loved, Regathering the Scattered

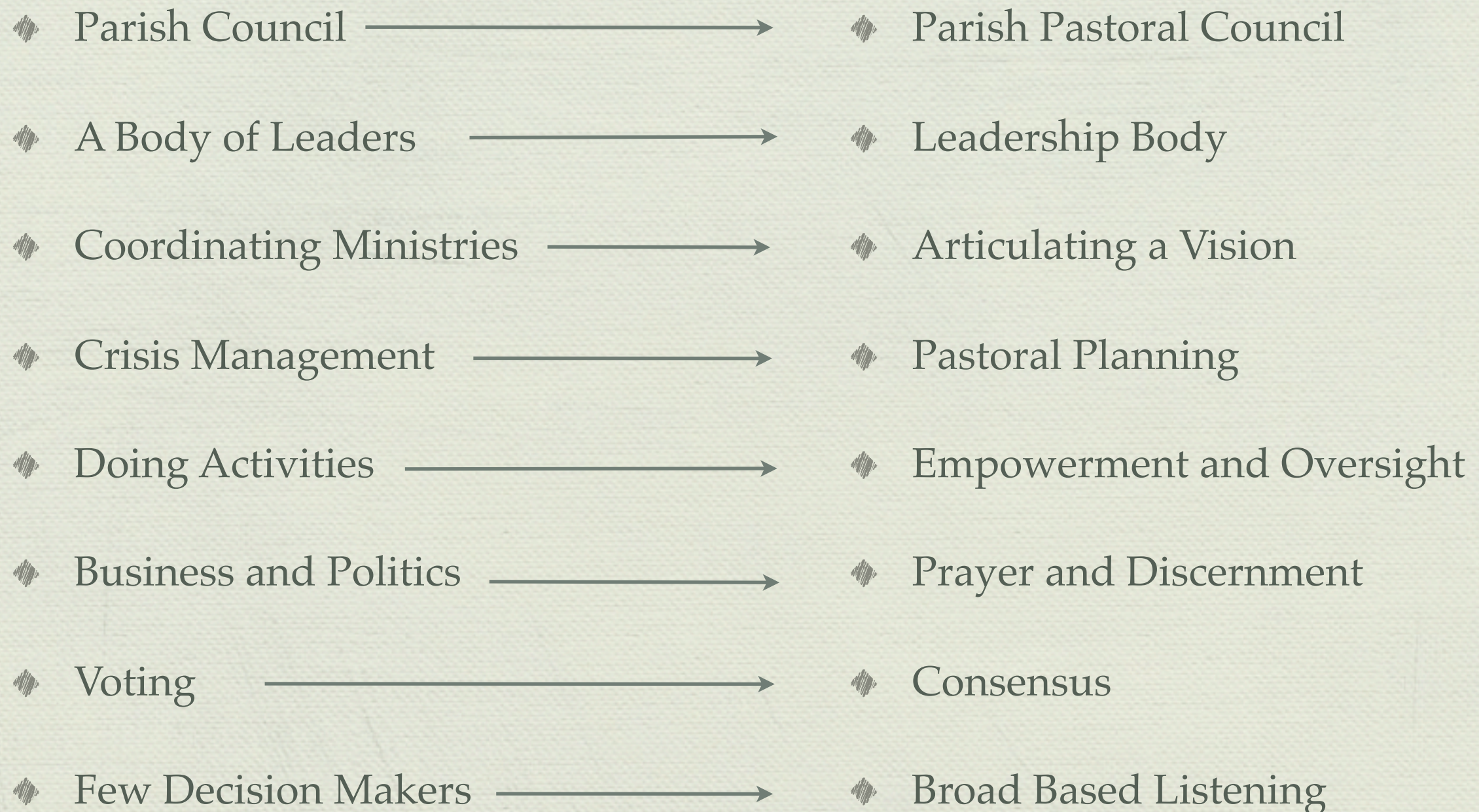
Bishop Bambera's Pastoral Letter



Purpose of a Parish

1. To support the spiritual growth of its members through proclaiming the **Word**;
Worship centered in the Eucharist and sacraments;
building up the **Community**; and,
Service to all of God's people.
2. To enable its members to participate in the priestly, prophetic and kingly mission of Jesus Christ in the world.

Evolution of Councils



The Challenge:



- ◆ To insure:
- ◆ that our Pastoral Councils are grounded in faith and worship;
- ◆ that they are formed and trained for their responsibilities; and
- ◆ that their work is enhanced with the support and encouragement of the foremost leader of the parish, the pastor.

The goal of pastoral planning is to structure ways the parish can contribute to the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ and the Church. Prayer and faith-sharing helps the Council members discern God's purpose for the parish.

PPC Guidelines, Diocese of Scranton 2011

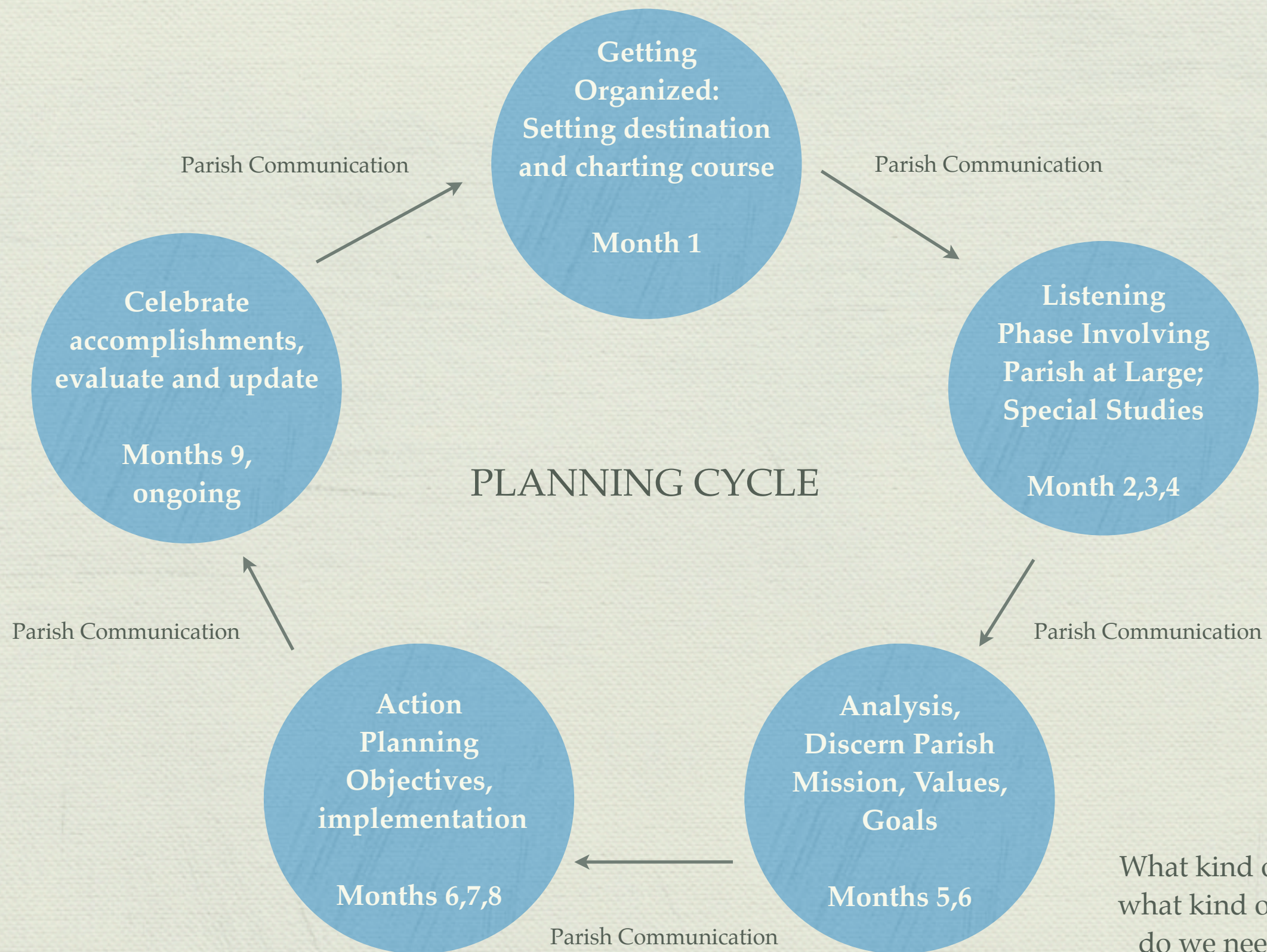
The next steps...

- ◆ To provide a process with additional support and resources, suited to addressing questions such as:
 - ◆ What is our parish identity and purpose? What makes it unique?
 - ◆ What are the core values that will help us live out our mission and live into our most hope-filled vision?
 - ◆ For the next five years, what are the specific steps we intend to accomplish in order to fulfill our mission?
 - ◆ For action steps needed, who is going to do what by when and at what cost?
 - ◆ For which of our goals would collaborative planning with other parishes enhance the quality of our ministry, avoid unnecessary duplication, serve unmet needs or model good stewardship of resources?

Mapping out the steps



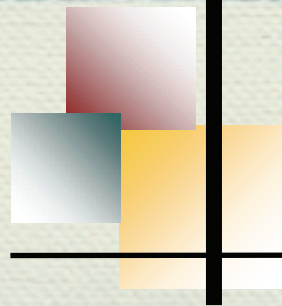
- ❖ How would you picture the steps of a parish planning process -- the essential parts and the extras?
- ❖ For which parts do you need the whole council? Small work group?
- ❖ Do you go straight from one step to the next, or circle back to repeat?
- ❖ How much time will you need for each step?
- ❖ What makes this process best fit your unique parish?



What kind of team and
what kind of assistance
do we need for each
stage of the journey?



Walking through “Travel Guide”



PILGRIM PEOPLE

Pastoral Planning Toolkit

Diocese of Scranton 2013



*We are still on our way, we are going home together,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

Marty Haugen



Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams.
Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.
Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in,
but with what it is still possible for you to do.

Pope John XXIII