

Vision for St John the Baptist Parish

(Under the direction of the Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of London)

We the parishioners of St John the Baptist will initiate the Church's call to a New Evangelization by continuing the transformation of our parish from a model of maintenance to a model of mission.

How?

1. Build up the volunteer ministry base to:
 - a. meet existing parishioner's needs
 - b. reach out to the wider community

The goals of (a) and (b) will be accomplished under the umbrella of Pastoral Council (and its pastoral plan) and Stewardship Ministry of Time, Talent and Treasure so that our parish is more welcoming, full service, attractive, and dynamic.

2. Build up the capacity of St John the Baptist parish to evangelize by the following:
 - a. facilitate a deeper conversion to Jesus Christ through:
 - i. youth conferences, parish missions, retreats etc.
 - ii. catechesis of youth and adults (through Scripture study, education and faith formation programs)
 - b. form converted parishioners for mission by:
 - i. helping identify our charisms and activate them
 - ii. teaching how to communicate our faith to family and culture
 - iii. transforming the parish into a school of evangelization so that we are equipped to live our baptismal call.
3. Build up the physical structure of St John the Baptist Church by:
 - a. paying off the existing tower debt
 - b. providing a 10 year plan for the maintenance and future improvements including more meeting space, handicap access and washrooms, new flooring, parking lot, air conditioning, and parish hall.