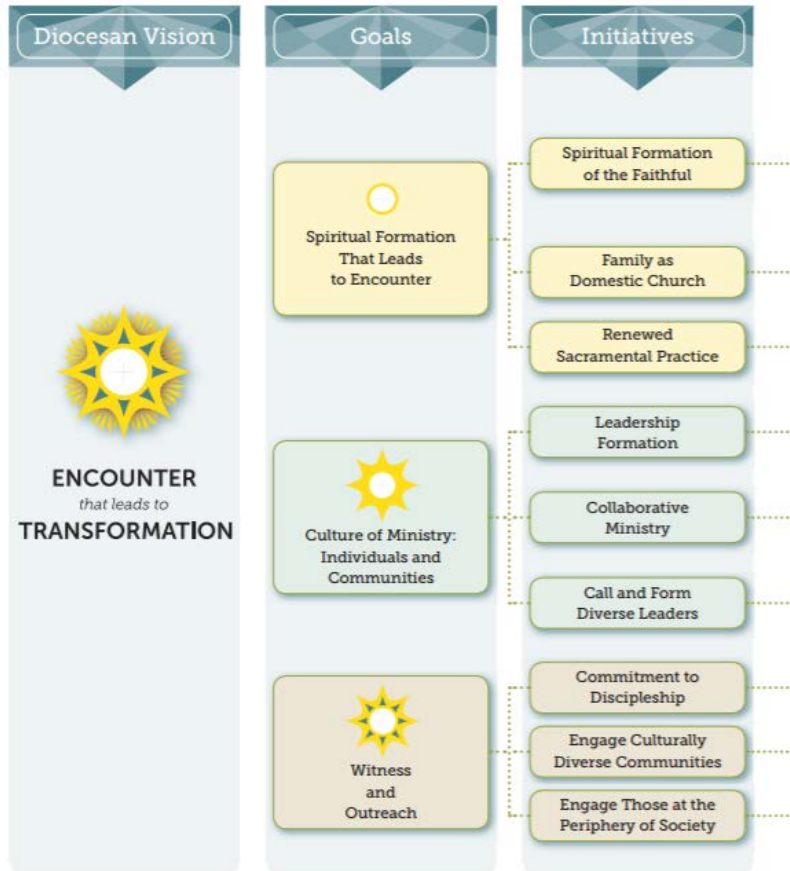




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Goals, Initiatives and Objectives



What **St. Ignatius Martyr Parish** (Austin) is doing to meet these goals:

Spiritual Formation

- Religious Formation for parents of children in RE classes (English and Spanish)
- Encuentro Matrimonial, CRHP, Small Christian Communities, Bible Study

Family as the Domestic Church

- Homilies about this topic
- Family Service days at church
- Helping parents to form their children for the sacraments

Renewed Sacramental Practice

- Emphasis on solid preaching and liturgical practices
- Celebrating and blessing those in sacramental preparation at Mass
- Children's Liturgy of the Word (English and Spanish)

Leadership Formation & Call to Form Diverse Leaders

- Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church. Modules offered twice a year
- Retreats and presentations for Ministry Leaders
- Intercultural Competency training

Collaborative Ministry

- Bilingual Liturgies and presentations
- Engaging different cultures within the parish (deaf community, Spanish- and English-speaking members, young and older, etc.)
- Bridging parish and school ministries

Commitment to Discipleship (to Evangelize)

- RCIA and adult Confirmation classes
- Homilies that teach the Faith
- Community engagement (speaking about the Faith at schools, colleges, and other places when invited)

Engage Culturally Diverse Communities

- (As above). Presently trying to engage the large community of folks from Myanmar (Burma)
- Taking into account our diverse communities in every program, ministry and liturgy
- American Sign Language classes

Engage Those at the Periphery of Society

- Very active Food Pantry ministry
- Cold-weather nights for the homeless, shelter for at-risk families
- Work with Austin Interfaith, focusing on just wages, immigrants, others in great need