



DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Objective Indicators of a Viable Parish

1	The number of registered families is at least 900
2	There is a parish pastoral council that meets at least quarterly
3	There is a finance council that meets at least quarterly
4	Parish sacramental records are up to date
5	There has been painting or renovation of the church interior within the past ten years
6	The parish has a regular written maintenance schedule for its buildings and property which addresses insurance recommendations
7	There is a religious education program under a trained and paid director or coordinator, not simply a volunteer
8	The parish has an RCIA team prepared to welcome inquirers
9	The parish has formal sacramental preparation programs for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Marriage
10	There are formal opportunities for adult faith formation
11	Over the past two years, total operating revenues have exceeded total operating expenditures
12	The parish is current with payment of all bills
13	A printed copy of the annual parish financial statement is explained and given to the parishioners every year
14	The pastor is receiving his FULL salary
15	There is a regularly employed person or contracted agency for parish maintenance, e.g., church janitorial responsibilities, snow removal, landscaping, repairs and upkeep to parish properties, etc.
16	There is a regularly employed person or volunteer to serve as a secretary/receptionist for the parish.
17	The parish has at least three (3) months of operating funds in reserves
18	Ordinarily, the church is at least 2/3 filled for each weekend liturgy
19	There is good music ministry at most weekend Masses
20	There are youth involved in parish ministries
21	The parish offers youth activities, grades 7-12
22	There are formal opportunities for the parish to engage in outreach to the larger community or to the missions
23	The parish has an outreach ministry to parishioners registered but not participating regularly
24	There is an up-to-date website for the parish or other means of electronic communication to communicate the activities of the parish to parishioners and outsiders.

Objective Indicators of a Viable Parish – With a School

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5	There has been painting or renovation of the church interior within the past ten years
6	The parish has a regular written maintenance schedule for its buildings and property which addresses insurance recommendations
7	The parish school has a board that meets at least quarterly
8	The parish school has a strategic plan in place as part of the NEASC accreditation requirements
9	There is a religious education program under a trained and paid director or coordinator, not simply a volunteer
10	The parish has an RCIA team prepared to welcome inquirers
11	The parish has formal sacramental preparation programs for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Marriage
12	There are formal opportunities for adult faith formation
13	Over the past two years, total operating revenues have exceeded total operating expenditures
14	The parish subsidy to our school does not exceed 30% of the regular offertory income
15	Parish school enrollment has exceeded 200 students in each of the last 2 years
16	The parish school is facing major capital needs with no plan for funding
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