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Dear Saint Bernadette Parishioners and Saint Mary Academy Families,

As Jesus teaches in Luke 12:48, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." As we continue to grow and evolve as a parish community, it is important to have a clear understanding of who we are, what we value, and our goals and aspirations as we move forward. With Christ as our guiding light, we must be intentional about planning for the future of our parish community, the paths we chose, and the direction in which we move together so that we may be good stewards of God's gifts.

As such, beginning this year and extending into 2020, Saint Bernadette will undergo a strategic planning process for the entire community, including its largest ministry, Saint Mary Academy.

We are excited to be working with the **Wunderlin Company** to help facilitate our strategic planning process. Additionally, we have created a small steering committee to help organize and lead our process. This group consists of the following:

*Fr. Jeff Nicolas, Pastor; Mrs. Lisa Kelly, Principal of St. Mary Academy; Ms. Nancy Falls, Mission Advancement Advocate; Mr. Adam Masternick, immediate past chair of the Pastoral Council; Mr. Aaron Miller, immediate past chair of the SMA School Board; and Dr. Sharon Schuhmann, Pastoral Associate for Intentional Discipleship*

To help get us ready for this process, we have identified four focus areas we will be working on ahead of a spring retreat. The four focus areas, along with their leaders, are as follows:

**PURPOSE** – our community's reason for being

Led by Dr. Sharon Schuhmann and Mrs. Lisa Kelly

**VALUES** – the essential tenets of how our community does its work

Led by Mr. Adam Masternick

**INTERNAL ANALYSIS** – comprehensive factors to consider, what is happening within our walls, the data on our current state

Led by Ms. Nancy Falls

**EXTERNAL ANALYSIS** - comprehensive factors to consider happening outside our organization

Led by Mr. Aaron Miller

Each focus area leader will form a committee and begin working to gather information and input from various sources and analyze data over the next few months. In the spring, there will be a parish retreat facilitated by the Wunderlin Company to help us identify goals and opportunities for growth. An essential part of the strategic planning process will be our conversations with our Saint Bernadette Parishioners and Saint Mary Academy Families. We look forward to working with you to define our collective future.

Sincerely,

The Strategic Planning Committee

*Aaron Miller*      *Sharon Schuhmann*  
*Fr. Jeff Nicolas*      *Lisa Kelly*      *Adam Masternick*      *Nancy Falls*