

Document C4B: Parish Family Advisory Council Vision Drafting — Group Discussion

Event Hosts: PFAC/PFLT members | Event Audience: PFAC members

Required Document

(Completion and submission of a first draft parish family vision statement is a required part of the One Parish Planning Process.)

Proposed Process

The vision drafting process should take place *before* a discussion of proposed initiatives, with sufficient time to allow this conversation to take place prayerfully and in a spirit of discernment. Remember that this is the *draft* vision statement – not the final. You will have a chance to revise this vision after receiving feedback from the community.

Ask each member to bring their prepared answers to the questions below for group discussion. Take time as a group sharing individual responses and then prepare group responses to each question. Use the answers to these questions alongside the answers from the "Who are we?" work, the notes from the "Who do we want to become?" public input sessions, and any relevant parish data to guide the following discussion.

Group Answers to Background Questions

Begin with a group discussion of individuals' responses to the background questions and collect notes about this discussion as group responses.

1. When looking at our previous discussion and the report from our community listening session(s), what stands out as the things the parish family does particularly well? Where does our community see us thriving as we encounter, accompany, and live the Gospel?

2.	(Question for parish families with schools) What is the school's mission statement and how does that fit into the overall input from the listening sessions?
3.	What major themes, values and specific suggestions did you find in the feedback that should inform for our parish vision ? Who do we hear God calling us to be? Think of specific phrases or charisms.
	Drafting a Vision Statement
4.	If any parishes in your family have existing mission/vision statements, list them below: 1.
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5. With these in mind, write a short (3 sentences or less) **vision** statement for the family. This is just a draft, so it does not need to be perfect. Try to capture the spirit of the community responses. Write your statement in such a way that it makes it clear how your vision aims to support the evangelizing mission of the Archdiocese of Seattle, rooted in Matthew 28, with the vision of encounter, accompaniment, and living the joy of the Gospel.