

## **Pastoral Planning Prayer**

Archdiocese of Louisville

Almighty God, we, the people of this local Church, look to the future in joyful hope, prayerfully dedicating ourselves to the process of pastoral planning.

As you have guided those who have gone before us, inspire us now to be good stewards of their legacy and of the material and spiritual gifts which come from you.

Grant us, we pray, your gifts of wisdom, courage, and hope, that we may have hearts open to new possibilities, minds that are receptive and creative, ears that listen attentively, lips that speak with clarity and compassion, and eyes that boldly envision the future.

As we embrace the challenges ahead, keep us focused on your mission: to proclaim the Gospel, to serve the poor, to glorify your name, and to hand on this precious gift of faith to future generations.

Through the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Blessed Joseph, her spouse, help us to discern your holy will for our parish families throughout Central Kentucky.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.