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Monsignor/Father:

In recent discussions, members of the Synod Implementation Commission agreed it would be beneficial to share parish synod plans on the synod website, www.garysynod.com. Several

parishes already have posted their plan to their own parish website. The commission members applaud those efforts and encourage all parishes that have a website to post their synod plan. A section of www.garysynod.com will be dedicated to links of every parish plan; posting your plan to your own website will help expedite that process. If your parish does not have a

website, please notify Vanessa Negrete, social media strategist for the diocese, at vnegrete@dcgary.org or (219) 769-9292, Ext. 246, to ensure your plan will be included on the

www.garysynod.com website.

Deacon Bob Graben

Introduction to the SS Monica and Luke Synod Action Plan

The dedicated members of SS Monica and Luke who worked on this document understand and agree that this synod action plan is a starting place for a conversation about the sustainability and viability of SS Monica and Luke Parish. It is with this premise that we submit this report. Our parish members have a number of questions about the long-term plans that the Diocese of Gary has for our parish due to the lack of a full-time pastor—one who is not serving another parish. This synod action plan assumes that there will be clear, dedicated leadership from a Shepherd, who serves SS Monica and Luke as the main priority.

OUR PARISH VISION

As we strive to effectuate this pastoral plan the members of SS Monica Luke Parish will strengthen this community of Christ followers in our parish, in our community, in our region and across the world. This mission will engage our talents, celebrate our diversities and demonstrate by our work that we always advance the mission of Jesus Christ.

OUR PRIORITIES

Over the next three years, our priests, deacons lay staff and parishioners will focus efforts on the following pastoral priorities and associated goals to bring to fulfillment the vision of the First Diocesan Synod and foster the New Evangelization in or local church:

PRIORITY ONE

Each One Reach One

Rationale for Priority One

Each parishioner will be tasked with the responsibility to bring fresh faces to the church by way of a simple invitation to church related activities. These activities will generate interest in the parish and promote membership.

PRIORITY TWO

Continue SS Monica Luke's Commitment to the Gary Community

Rationale for Priority Two

Traditional events promote community good will and promote the SS Monica Luke "brand" in the city of Gary.

PRIORITY THREE

Stewardship -- Time, Talent, Treasure

Rationale for Priority Three

The current parishioners can devote their time and talent in collaboration with local higher educational institutions to deliver treasures to the young people of the community throughout the year and summer.

PRIORITY FOUR

Discipleship and Formation

Rationale for Priority Four

The flock must engage in meaningful activities that help spread His Holy Word.