

PASTORAL GOALS FOR 2025-26

PASTORAL GOAL : ENABLING ALL
To Listen to the Spirit within us
To Listen to the Spirit as Expressed by others

TARGET GROUPS : **All Priests, Religious Laity.** In every event, meeting initiate prayer and listening to the Spirit (informally but substantially, not exactly Spiritual Conversations)

METHOD : FORMATION OF TEAM of Fathers, Sisters Laity
 at Each Parish Level to enable others

SPECIFIC GROUPS FOR SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION TRAINING

- ALL MEMBERS OF THE PPCs (Laity Commission) perhaps in Combined Parishes
- ALL FINANCE COMMISSION MEMBERS (also combining parishes) (Laity Commission)
- CATECHISTS (Catechetical Team)
- WOMEN LEADERSHIP TEAM
- LAY GROUPS LEADERSHIP TEAMS (*Jesus Youth, MFC, SVP, Lay groups of Congregations etc*)
- RETREAT FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTS this year will be specifically for Spiritual Conversations

OTHER GROUP FORMATION TARGETS:

- ✚ ALTAR SERVER GROUPS formed of all Children who have received First Holy Communion
- ✚ YOUTH LEADERSHIP GROUP : P, VP, Sec, Male and Female Mentors in each parish

Special TARGET GROUP – Top Priority – Migrants

- SURVEY TO BE DONE. Migrants information to be shared with the Migrants Desk led by Sr. Maggie Allesu

SPECIAL/CORE PASTORAL ACTIVITIES AT PARISH LEVEL: - A MUST THIS YEAR

- ✓ VISITING -*personally/systematically/pastorally* by Fathers and Sisters. - Parish Survey personally by Fathers and Sisters - being personal is important.
- ✓ Identifying and Forming Lay Spiritual Leaders in each village/sector, through MFC or Jesus Youth or your own way.
- ✓ Conscientising our people of their Own Culture and Traditions.
- ✓ Formation of Diocesan Pastoral Council

DIOCESE\DEANERY LEVEL ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSIONS

- ❖ BIBLE - Quiz for Std 9, (14.01.26)
 Praying with the Bible with Women & Family Commission (*Dates to be fixed*)
- ❖ CATECHETICAL **Formation for Catechists** – Surat Deanery and Vadodara Deanery specially\
- ❖ ECUMENISM Unity Week meeting in Select Parishes (January 16, 2026)
Dialogue Meeting in Select Parishes (December 20, 2025)
- ❖ HEALTH \ Meeting of Health Professionals
- ❖ FAMILY Training of Trainers for Marriage Courses (*Dates to be fixed*)
- ❖ LAITY Training of Trainers for Spiritual Conversations Parish wise (*Dates to be fixed*)
 (PP, One Sister, VP of PPC, another lay person from each parish to participate
 (if VP is man, then a woman or vice versa)
 Meeting of Catholic Teachers (in three places, *dates to be fixed*)
 MAHASAMMELAN OF ALL PPC MEMBERS (January 14)
- ❖ LITURGY Formation of Lectors in Baroda and Surat (*Dates to be fixed*)
- ❖ SC/ST: Enabling Parishes to Conscientise Tribals of their customs and traditions
 & Constitutional Rights (In parishes, hostels *dates to be fixed*)
- ❖ WOMEN Training for Bible reading sessions with Bible Commission
- ❖ YOUTH Formation of Leadership at Deanery (*Date to be fixed*)
 and Diocesan Level (14.01.2026) –
 Round table for Confirmands (27-30.10.2026)
- ❖ SYNOD IMPLEMENTATION TEAM --
Rome has mandated to make a Synodal Implementation Team. It will be formed and names will uploaded directly by Google Docs to Rome.
In May we shall be given instructions about implementation of the Synodal Document. So we might have to put some programs in here. We await instructions.