

ARCHIVED Goals:

By 2013, the Bishop, clergy and laity of the Diocese of Niagara are seen by both faith communities and secular organizations and agencies to embrace creativity and innovation in their shared faith-filled response to God's call to be the light of the world.

Biblical Reference: Matthew 14: 22-31 Jesus walks on water and then calls Peter to do the same - stepping outside our comfort zone in response to God's call

Indicators:

Clergy and laity are able to engage in theologically grounded discussion of innovation (we have an active language and discourse about faithful innovation)

Clergy, laity and diocesan staff report feeling enabled and supported in the development of and experimentation with new model.

The Diocese of Niagara has developed concrete new models of faithful innovation (e.g. Fresh Expressions ministries, innovative approaches to capital infrastructure, creative strategic planning at all levels of governance, new kinds of partnerships)

People who previously did not connect with the church report being drawn by the life changing, contextual reshaping of their local faith community

The Diocese of Niagara creates templates and training opportunities to share with other faith communities

The Diocese develops at least 3 fresh expressions of ministry by 2013"