

# *From His Grace Bishop John*

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*“Seek first the kingdom (of God) and his  
righteousness, and all these things will be given  
you besides.”                      Matthew 6:33*

What you hold in your hands is a document of hope. It is a plan that, with enthusiastic support from many and combined contribution, will advance the Eparchy of Parma in my view.

The Pastoral Plan was developed through discussion, parish meetings, and information gathering. It is the collective wisdom from personal knowledge, from the counsel of clergy, and from listening to the faithful of the eparchy.

The process revealed significant needs, which were used to identify priorities and set goals. The Pastoral Plan is comprehensive and addresses various spiritual, liturgical, strategic, and operational aspects of our church life in the Eparchy of Parma. Fulfillment of the plan will come from the eparchial level, regional level, and — most significantly — from each parish.

I am asking everyone in the eparchy to become a co-worker with God. It is through growing in our own discipleship, and supporting others in their growth, that the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church will grow.

We are one in Christ. This is an invitation to give progress a chance, together with each other and with God.

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