

## **Bishop Noonan Announces New Vision for the Diocese of Orlando**

On March 28, Holy Thursday, Bishop John Noonan met with chancery employees to announce a new vision for the Diocese of Orlando that will direct the focus of ministry over the next three years.

“Teaching and Living the Light of Christ Jesus: Toward Goodness, Righteousness and Truth” is the new vision, which is based on Sacred Scripture, Ephesians 5:8-10. The hope is that this vision will unite all Catholics with their shepherd, Bishop John Noonan who has been entrusted to lead the people of God in Central Florida and that the vision will inspire Catholics to know their faith and live their faith as God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit has called each of us to do.

“We need to help people understand what we believe, the richness of our faith and how to integrate our faith into our world,” said Bishop Noonan. “We need to help people see that the Word of God has much meaning for our lives today.”

This vision was the fruit of a long planning process that began in the spring of 2012. That’s when Bishop Noonan gathered his diocesan leadership team to embark upon a process of team building, prayer and discernment. The goal was to assess the current needs facing our diocese and develop a vision that would help build the Kingdom of God by creating a vibrant, healthy and active faith community. This process was facilitated by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The team was composed of:

Reverend Richard Walsh, Vicar General

Very Reverend John Giel, Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

Carol Brinati, Chancellor for Administration

Heidi Peckham, Secretary of Pastoral Ministries Secretariat

Dan Hardester, Secretary of Evangelization Secretariat

Henry Fortier, Secretary of Faith Formation Secretariat

Bryan Joseph, Chief Financial Office and Secretary of Administration Secretariat

Meghan Post, president, Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Joseph Buranosky, executive director, Catholic Charities of Central Florida

In January of this year, this leadership team began to discern and discuss new diocesan priorities that would us realize our vision in a concrete and measureable way. The three priorities that we hope to accomplish over the next three years are:

- Enkindling Deeper Faith
- Forming Leaders in Christ
- Harmonizing Ministries

These three priorities are guideposts showing us the way to achieve the vision: “Teaching and Living the Light of Christ Jesus: Toward Goodness, Righteousness and Truth.”

