

Annual Report,

January 1-December 31, 2024

Pentecost Vigil Project, Inc.

"Unleashing the Spirit of Synodality"

Mission Statement: Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Pentecost Vigil Project supports the call for Church renewal through Spirit-led synodality. We provide creative digital resources and professional consulting services that enable the laity and all Church leadership to better understand and embrace the synodal process.

Message from the President-Chair of the Board



The Pentecost Vigil Project, Inc. is pleased to release its third Annual Report. We've had an eventful year continuing to learn how to be a synodal organization. One of the Spirit's clear messages to us was that to be an early synodality adopting organization (there's an awkward phrase), we needed to be practicing synodal methods. As we approached and then received the magisterial teaching of the second assembly of the Synod on Synodality, saw the continued reticence of the US Bishops to embrace synodality, saw the results of the US Presidential election and discovered our own struggles to be clear in what we were inviting others to share, we determined the need to undertake our first attempt at an organizational discernment in common. We are still in this process, asking the Holy Spirit to direct us to our "What next?" and/or "What now?" We invite you to pray for and with us, as we ask for both the Wisdom of the Spirit to show us the way, and the Freedom of the Spirit to be able to choose God's will above all else. We trust in the Spirit, and remain ever-curious about our path into 2025.

Deborah W. Stollery
President

Accomplishments

During the calendar year 2024, the Pentecost Vigil Project (PVP):

- Continue to update our website, with the intent of being a "one-stop-shop" for synodality information and resources for English speakers.
- Followed the October, 2024 Synod on Synodality, learning how the Holy Spirit was bringing forth unity in diversity, and guiding the Church into concrete implementation work.
- Rolled out our second fundraiser: "Remaining in communion"



- Continued blogging, reaching the milestone of 102 blogs published, and welcoming guest blogger Jean Hawley of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hampton, VA.
- Continued consistent email marketing to our constituents, amplifying synodal voices, highlighting resources, and publicizing events.
- Practiced synodal organizational methods:
 - Entering into the process of discernment in common for the first time
 - Grounding ourselves in the Sacred Word
 - Naming how we know we are fulfilling our mission at each Board meeting
 - Sharing meeting facilitation and prayer leadership
 - Being patient as we wait on the Holy Spirit's voice
 - Being nimble with change
 - Listening carefully to the circumstances of our daily lives as a Team as part of our discernment in common
- Maintained an active presence on Facebook and LinkedIn.

Plans for the Future

Relationships: Communion

- With the Holy Spirit through our discernment in common.
- With one another as we embrace the circumstances of our daily lives as a component of our ability to carry out our mission.
- With other synod-minded organizations, especially in the United States.
- With synod-friendly clergy, especially Bishops.
- With the newly forming Committee on Synodality at the USCCB.

Technology: Participation

- Strengthen the content marketing funnel on the website.
- Continue to use professional services for website functions, search engine optimization and mobile friendliness.
- Strengthen the interface between the website and social media.
- Leverage LinkedIn for relationships, participation and donors.

Organizational Structure: Mission to Embrace Synodality Internally

- Evaluate the existing structure in light of the outcome of our discernment in common.
- Make decisions regarding the structures we have and/or need in order to fulfill the Spirit's intentions for the organization.

- Take seriously the necessity for our structures to support the elements of the mission the Spirit highlights, in accord with the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality.
- Invite additional collaborations and participation with PVP.

Products and Services: Mission to serve the embrace of synodality in the local Church in the US

- Release a short course on Prayer.
- Lead our third online live Novena to the Holy Spirit that takes place between Ascension and Pentecost.
- Follow the Holy Spirit's guidance in response to "What now?" and "What next?"

Fund-raising: To sustain the ability to carry out our mission

- **Launch 2 small donor fundraising campaigns:**
- Increase our comfort with asking personal friends/family to support our efforts.



Increasing Visibility of PVP: Mission

- Submit press releases and short articles to various Catholic media.
- Introduce ourselves to parishes, dioceses and other Catholic organizations.
- Market our availability to present at conferences/gatherings.
- Communicate consistently with our individual parishes and dioceses about our work/services, and ask about theirs.
- Use Facebook and LinkedIn to market our products and services.
- Blog for other synod-minded organizations.
- Host "Conversations in the Spirit".
- Create a leave-behind that supplements a conversation about PVP (print and digital).

Financial Status

PVP has existed to date due to the financial generosity of members of its Board and Planning Team, plus sales from its products, especially *Christ Present in the Eucharist*.

Treasurer: Dana L. Hlusko

Membership

Contacts in our database on Wix

Subscribers in our database on Wix:

Contacts in our database on Givebutter: 256 plus 59 Friends & Family contacts

Closing

The Pentecost Vigil Project looks forward to discovering how the Holy Spirit wishes us to lead, learn and love in 2025.

Submitted and approved,



Dennis Beeman, Secretary