STIR INTO FLAME
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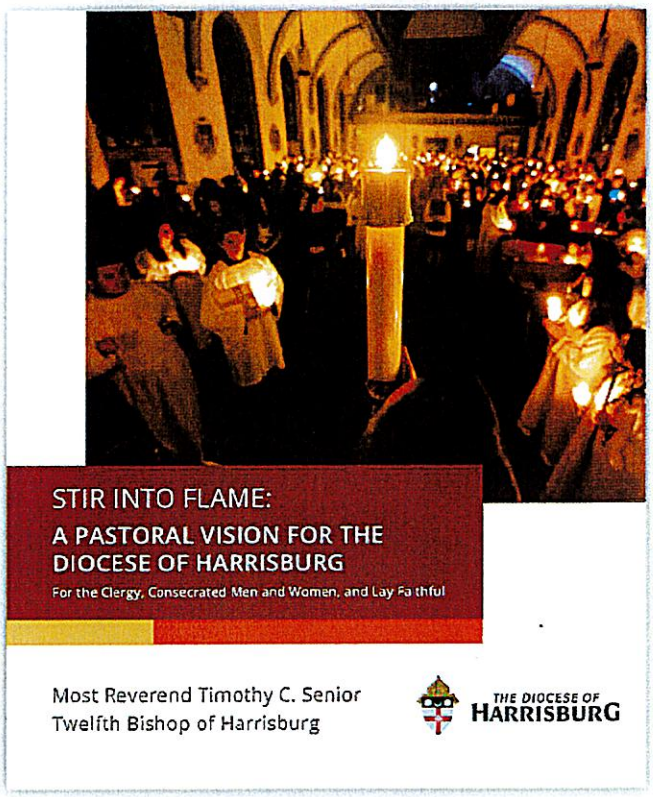

Why This Letter?

Stir Into Flame is Bishop Senior's call to renew the life of the Church in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Inspired by 2 Timothy 1:6, he calls every Catholic to rekindle the gifts received through Baptism and embrace the mission of Christ with renewed faith, hope, and purpose.

Why Now?

The Church is living through a time of both challenge and opportunity. While many have drifted from the faith, Bishop Senior also sees signs of hope and renewal. This letter is a call to move forward together, trusting the Holy Spirit to guide the Church's mission.

How *Stir Into Flame* Was Informed by You

The pastoral letter is rooted in prayer, listening, and discernment. Feedback from parishes across the Diocese—including insights gathered through the Disciple Maker Index (DMI)—helped shape its priorities and ensure it responds to the real needs of our local Church.

What's Next for Our Diocese?

Bishop Senior envisions a Diocese where every Catholic is formed as a joyful missionary disciple. By strengthening divine worship, vocations, Catholic education, evangelization, and charity, he hopes to renew parish life and inspire a Church that boldly shares the Gospel with the world.

> *"And so, at this moment in our history, we are called to stir into flame God's gifts that we have been given to experience the fullness of Catholic faith and to claim our place in the lives of our brothers and sisters in our part of Pennsylvania as we renew our response to do the work of the Gospel here and now."*

The Six Priorities for the Church in Harrisburg

Divine Worship

More than an obligation, the Sunday Eucharist fashions the parish community as the local expression of the Church, infused with divine grace to undertake the work of the Gospel.

Take Action: Before Sunday Mass, read the day's Scripture readings, make a good examination of conscience, and prayerfully prepare to participate fully in the Sacred Liturgy.

Priestly Life & Vocations

There is something more that needs to be done with great care and intentionality: we need to choose to form a culture within the diocese, within our parishes, within our Catholic homes, that supports both the hearing of God's call and the courage to respond to it.

Take Action: Foster a culture of vocations in your home by praying together, encouraging your children to discern God's call, and speaking positively about priesthood, consecrated life, and the vocation to marriage.

Catholic Education

When Catholic education is strong, families are strengthened, parishes are renewed, and society itself is enriched.

Take Action: Help unite your parish and school community by participating in parish life, supporting religious education, and encouraging families to grow together in faith.

Evangelization

Draw upon the grace of Baptism and Confirmation so as to become true missionary disciples in our homes, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, and our parishes.

Take Action: Be a joyful witness to Christ wherever you go. Let your words and actions reflect your faith, and be ready to share the hope you have found in Jesus.

Charity

As a Eucharistic people, we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in a world longing for hope and healing.

Take Action: Go forth from Mass ready to serve. Let every celebration of the Eucharist strengthen your commitment to love your neighbor through concrete acts of charity and mercy.

Parish Renewal & Mission

This is the work of Christ and His Church. And only we can do it as we stir into flame the gift of God bestowed upon all of us.

Take Action: Prayerfully consider how God is calling you and your parish to take up the work of the Gospel, and use your gifts to help build up the Church and society.