**Developing a “Gut-Check” Vision**

**YOUR Parishioners in Need**

*Think of the desperation of families in your parish boundaries struggling with addictions, dysfunction and hopelessness.*

Who specifically comes to mind from your community as you think about the need for the Gospel message?

**Potential of your Parish**

*Most Catholic parishes have contact with only a fraction of the souls (Catholic & Non-Catholic) entrusted to their care in their towns and counties.*

Where is there a gap between your parish’s mission and your current reality?

**Urgency of the Mission**

*The eternal destiny of souls is our ultimate mission. Over 4000 people die each year in Douglas County, Nebraska. (Douglas County Health Department, 2015)*

What might help you recover a sense of urgency?

**Create:** Write a one sentence, embarrassingly passionate “Gut-Check” vision statement. You have permission to say something embarrassing. This is NOT supposed to be polished or poetic.

Please be brutally honest- this will NOT be published in the bulletin.

“*We will not be a dying Church”*

*OR*

*“EVERYONE will have the chance to make a decision for Christ”*

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