

 <p>DIOCESE OF Jefferson City</p> <p>Shaping Our Future Together (SOFT) diocesan pastoral process 2024-2026</p>	<p>Shaping Our Future Together In cooperation with the deanery pastoral plans, the diocesan process provides the following elements:</p>			
		<p>Strengthening participation by stewardship</p>	<p>Strengthening co-responsibility</p>	<p>Strengthening parishes as centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy</p>
	<p>Year One</p>	<p>Providing ongoing support of the stewardship way of life in every parish. ^{2 4}</p>	<p>Develop guidelines for groups of lay leadership from parishes who are not in the same deanery or do not have the same pastor to perform effective pastoral planning in collaboration with their pastors and deans. ^{1 2 3 4 5}</p>	<p>Encourage reflection on the Beautitudes as a way to instill mercy in all aspects of parish life. ^{1 2 3 4 5}</p>
	<p>Year Two</p>	<p>Create a sustainable structure to provide ongoing feedback in how parishioners can be more active in their faith. ^{1 2 3 4 5}</p>	<p>Revitalize and constitute parish and diocesan councils, including parish pastoral, finance and stewardship councils. ^{1 2 4}</p>	<p>Begin plans for catechetical centers in each deanery, including for facilities, personnel and curriculum. ^{1 2 3 4 5}</p>
	<p>Year Three</p>	<p>Prepare for diocesan synod. ^{1 2 3 4 5}</p>		

SOFT builds on the 2021-2023 diocesan pastoral plan, which had three pillars:

- Strengthening participation by stewardship;
- Strengthening co-responsibility; and
- Strengthening parishes as centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy.

Elements of that plan, and the universal Synod on Synodality, continue in the SOFT diocesan pastoral process, which is built upon the deanery pastoral plans.

¹ Supports Central Deanery pastoral plan

² Supports North Deanery pastoral plan

³ Supports See City Deanery pastoral plan

⁴ Supports Southeast Deanery pastoral plan

⁵ Supports Southwest Deanery pastoral plan