



**St. Mary's  
Journeying Together  
Week 1**

From Bishop da Cunha's Pastoral Letter:

What Church will we leave behind?

Since 1990 in the Diocese of Fall River: 100,000 less Catholics attend Mass

There has been a 67% drop in Faith Formation

A 65% in the number of Sacraments of Initiation.

Bishop da Cunha: "How do we change these declines? First, we must work toward helping individuals experience metanoia—a personal conversion and change in one's way of life. This was a key aspect of Jesus' teachings and ministry, and it must also be a key aspect of our work as we move into the future."

What are your thoughts to the above?

Throughout the week, "is there anything about you that indicates that you are Catholic to those who meet you?"

"Have you truly committed to living in a way that when people encounter you, they will encounter Christ?" What needs to change?

"It is time to pray and discern how you will make an impact and a difference through your life in the Church. What roles will you assume to better serve and participate in the faith first given to you at Baptism and that you processed at Confirmation?"

From the Gospel this weekend: What do you need from Jesus to live as His disciple each day?