



Recall sheet (Reflection Paper) for 20th anniversary of new plan

Starting point of the new plan “new” standard policies

- 1) The aim of the recovery plan of Osaka diocese is not simply to regain the former condition before the earthquake. It aims at to give life; a life that directly flows out from the death and resurrection of Christ.
- 2) The Diocese aims at that we live among people who live in the “*mid valley*”, areas affected by the earthquake, because the people need spiritual assistance.
- 3) The church wants to involve all parishes, monasteries and her (meaning church) associated groups.
- 4) The structures will be in place not only in Kobe, but also in the whole Osaka diocese and wish to extend to other dioceses.
- 5) The whole program caters to grief and pain.

Five figures of churches which are led by standard policies of “new”

- 1) A Church caring for people who are left behind “mid valley”
- 2) A Church in communion with other people or a (church for others) or (Compassion)
- 3) A Church taking joint responsibilities (collaboration) and working together
- 4) A Church known to be under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and walking together
- 5) A Church empowering the lay congress while co-operating with the priests and religious

Prayers for 20th anniversary of new plan

As we try to realize our goal, let us pray for the church that she may become a witnessing church and a church in communion.

● **To care for people who are left behind and still living in the “mid Valley”**

Most gracious Lord, give us an understanding heart that we may learn to rejoice with those who rejoice, and learn to grieve with those who grieve.

Trusting in the power of your salvation, may we learn to walk and live with our neighbors, people who are suffering, wounded people, the sick, the poor, those who encountered disasters and those who are placed on the sidelines by their own society,

● **To be in communion with others**

Lord, You are the source of love, make us an instrument of your peace and use us to gather

and unite all people together under Christ.

May all people who received faith through the missionary works of the church be united as one, consider each other as brothers and sisters, look at God as Father, deepen their fellowship and be able to praise You.

- **To take joint responsibilities and work together**

Lord, You are the strength of those who trust in You, please give us the strength to overcome difference of opinions (*help us respect different opinions*) and conflict and learn to trust each other, so that we can work together in building Your Kingdom. May we accomplish the mission You entrusted to our care and do it joyfully and zealously.

- **To be known as under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and walk together**

Lord, You guide all people, give us wisdom to discern for the signs of the time, judge, make the right choice and carry it out. Full of trust in the guidance of Holy Spirit, we pray that we can do what the Lord would like us to do, and can become powerful witnesses of God's love to people living in today's society.

- **To empower the lay while co-operating with priests and religious**

Lord, you are the source of all graces, send all baptized Christians as Your disciples. Help us co-operate with priest and religious, that we may learn to share our own talents which came from You through the works of love and service help build Your Kingdom.