

RENEWING PARISH LIFE



Advancing in Life, Faith, and Spiritual Understanding

SACRAMENTAL PRACTICE

Strengthening Our Participation in Sacramental Practice

Jesus Christ instituted the mysteries/sacraments to nourish us on our life journey to him. The church needs to invite people to rediscover the holy mystery of repentance and strengthen their participation in and understanding of the sacrament of Eucharist.

DISCIPLESHIP

Deepening Our Discipleship

Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a well-understood faith and a spiritual relationship both with God and with co-servants of Christ. The church assists us in knowing our faith and inspiring us to live it.

PARISH VIBRANCE

Establishing Our Parishes as Vibrant Centers of Evangelization

The church needs parishes that are healthy, mature, spiritually alive faith communities, focused on Jesus Christ. Most of the church's work happens in the parish. Special attention must be given to parishes and efforts that affect parish life.

VOCATION

Assisting in the Understanding and Ongoing Formation of Vocation

Each member of the church is called to a life of holiness. Some are called to marriage, some to church vocations: priests, deacons, consecrated life. All vocations require serious discernment and ongoing formation.

Increase average Sunday liturgy participation by 10% across the eparchy.

Increase encouragement of and opportunity for participation in the holy mystery of repentance.

Improve singing of liturgical chant in each parish.

Across the eparchy 1,000 adult and 50 teen parishioners will improve their understanding of basic Christian teaching from a Byzantine Catholic perspective.

Across the eparchy 50 parishioners will become more involved in various roles of leadership and/or service.

Evaluate vitality and future of all parishes and missions with plans for restructuring and re-configuration.

Each parish participates in an annual pilgrimage to a shrine or hosting parish.

Strengthen financial position of eparchy and parishes.

Initiate programs to promote teaching of and support for traditional marriage in 5 parishes.

Increase support of priests, deacons and monastics in their ongoing formation and wellness.

Overview of Priorities & Goals