

Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon

OUR MISSION: TO PROCLAIM CHRIST AND GOD'S KINGDOM TODAY

"Have the same mind and heart as Christ Jesus" (see Phil. 2:5)

PRIORITIES & GOALS:

I) Draw People into a Deepening Intimacy with the Lord!

(Supporting a deepening friendship and intimacy with Jesus Christ)

- Help people pray; and provide support and tools for growth in discipleship and holiness
- Provide regular opportunities for gathered prayer, including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Implement and strengthen evangelization programs in parishes and schools, emphasizing the Sacraments; the sacred scriptures; life in the Church; works of mercy
- Provide for more lay and clergy spiritual directors
- Provide retreats and workshops for men, women, and youth addressing the art of accompaniment, to deepen their relationship with Christ

II) Make Every Sunday Matter (Sunday celebrations)

- Effective preaching
- Beautiful music: promote through training, workshops, performances
- Excellent liturgy: *full and active participation!* (see *Sacrosanctum Concilium*: #14)
- Effective feedback from parishioners
- Hospitality and welcoming
 - Collect and share best practices re: hospitality, engagement
 - Sunday gathering as opportunity for sending, outreach

III) "Embrace Your Priesthood" – (Discerning God's call to each person to share in the mission and life of the Lord)

- Equip and support Church members re: ways to provide ministry and service in our parish
- Provide vocations support for priesthood, religious life, marriage, lay ministry leadership and service
- Promote discipleship paths: Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO); FacetoFace Ministries; Madonna House Apostolate; NET Ministries; Pure Witness Ministries; St Therese Institute, etc.
- Provide academic, human and spiritual formation for candidates for the priesthood, permanent diaconate; religious life, lay ecclesial ministry
- Provide responsive marriage preparation and ongoing support

- Provide strong catechetical support for effective sacramental preparation strategies and preparation
- Provide opportunities for adults to reflect on the vocation of the lay Catholic faithful in their roles in the market-place: professionals, business leaders, service providers

IV) Build and Support Family and Community (Strengthening and supporting families and marriages, vocations support)

- Programs, initiatives for strengthening relationship among children, parents, grandparents
- Help parents and community members (schools, lay groups) address important relevant topics, including:
 - Children’s Internet and technologies safety
 - Child and adolescent sexuality
 - Parenting in a digital age
- Establish programs and supports for crises: especially for persons dealing with separation or divorce

V) Promote the Healing Journey in the Lord (Healing, growth, serving, ongoing conversion)

- Promote and make available the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Promote “listening, caring, accompanying” to provide support for those struggling with emotional and mental health, addictions and/or grief recovery
- Provide healthy and safe church communities, free from trauma and abuse
- Promote network of local Catholic counsellors, Catholic health care providers
- Build the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of our communities
- Provide opportunities for women and men to recover from trauma and dysfunction
 - Healing opportunities addressing TRC Calls to Action, UNDRIP (*United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*)
 - Reverence for life initiatives (*ex. Rachel’s Vineyard*)
 - Anger and grief

VI) Move from Maintenance to Mission (Helping parishes proclaim Christ in everything)

- Training and support to Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils – *pastoral planning*
- Training and support to parish ministries: - children, youth, adults, seniors
- Addressing features of rural communities
- Best human resources practices ‘tool kit’ to support and develop parish employees and volunteers
- Best financial and administrative practices ‘tool kit’ for parishes