

Parish Pastoral Plan

OLQM Submits Plan to Bishop DiMarzio

We can confirm with great satisfaction that our Parish Pastoral Plan has been completed and submitted to Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio and Bishop Frank Caggiano. Congratulations to Joe Cardenas and the members of his ad-hoc committee for this superb achievement.

The plan is the product of an unprecedented collaborative effort between the laity, clergy and staff of the parish, and represents an extraordinary outpouring of planning, perseverance and prayer. Clearly, the Holy Spirit was at work! It was a remarkable and inspiring process for all of us. At the Parish Assembly, nearly two hundred fifty people gathered to pray, brainstorm and deliberate. As they came forward to speak from their hearts about their hopes for the future, we were reminded of the ninety years of history that had brought us to that point.

The results speak for themselves: every one of the seven aspects of a vibrant parish life are addressed, three goals are outlined and a dozen objectives are detailed and explained.

We would like for all our parishioners to be fully informed of all aspects of this notable plan. Because of its size (in its fully detailed version, it runs to 107 pages), it would not be feasible for us to distribute copies to every registered parishioner. Instead, we are printing below an extract from the Executive Summary, and have placed one copy each of the full plan in the **parish reception office**, in the **school office** and in the **office of Religious Education**. Please feel free to come to any of these places and peruse the plan.

Executive Summary of OLQM's Parish Pastoral Plan

Goals and Objectives

Goal #1: To Become A Welcoming Community Serving The Needs Of The Faithful *Essential Elements: Community, Worship and Service*

Objective: Establish a **hospitality program/welcoming committee** to initiate greeting people arriving for Mass, host refreshments after Sunday liturgies, and supervise "Get to Know You" activities at parish social events to foster a welcoming parish environment.

Objective: Create opportunities to **welcome our youth** and train a youth committee whose mission would be to broaden and enhance our present youth ministry and encourage greater youth participation in Sunday liturgies and volunteering to serve in pastoral care.

Objective: Invite partnership with the cluster and diocese in scheduling and hosting **periodic multilingual or bilingual Masses** to welcome the diverse people living in our parish and region, as well as **Masses targeted to specific groups** (families, couples/renewal of vows, teens).

Objective: Expand and refine the parish website to offer a "**Welcome Page**" and "**Online Parish Registration**" along with ways to invite new parishioners to request/schedule follow-up contact regarding prayer requests or support (i.e. spiritual counseling, bereavement).

Goal #2: To Build A Formational Community Centered On The Holy Eucharist and God's Word

Essential Elements: Worship, Word, Community and Service

Objective: Examine ways to expand the Liturgy of the Word, Religious Education and Bible Studies to include faith formation, enrichment and opportunities for the **catechesis** of all parishioners.

Objective: Recruit and train **lay-led parish teams** charged with sacramental preparation (i.e., baptisms, weddings), youth faith formation, adult faith enrichment and marriage enrichment and support

Objective: Determine the feasibility of expanding **financial support for Catholic education** through an OLQM School Alumni program.

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Goal #3: To Be A Gifted Community Centered On The Mission To Bring Christ To The World

Essential Elements: **Leadership, Stewardship and Evangelization**

Objective: Actively partner with our cluster and diocese in supporting **vocations to the priesthood and religious life**; and examine ways to support and affirm our clergy.

Objective: Expand recruiting and **lay leadership development** efforts (lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of Hospitality, catechists, choir) and provide opportunities for prayer, reflection and faith sharing during Advent and Lent.

Objective: Explore the feasibility/interest for a program (such as "Landings") devoted to **welcoming back inactive or lapsed Catholics**.

Objective: Establish an **annual inter-faith event**/liturgy at the parish in an effort to reach out to the broader community.

In future bulletins, we will be publishing articles setting out the practical measures we will be implementing to attain the above objectives.