



St. Paul Cathedral Parish Pastoral Plan

Our Parish Mission Statement:

The Catholic Community of St. Paul Cathedral Parish, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, proclaims, witnesses, and shares the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Mother Church of the Diocese of Pittsburgh is uniquely situated in the midst of academic, medical, and cultural centers. We invite all to join us as we live our faith and reach out in charity to those in need. As we move into our future, we affirm our baptismal call to holiness by deepening our faith and loving one another, all for the honor and glory of God.

Based on the input of those who participated in various ways throughout this planning year, five goals and 15 objectives have been identified for the St. Paul Cathedral Parish Pastoral Plan.

This plan will require the time, talent, and dedication of the entire parish community over the next several years

Please contact a member of Parish Pastoral Council or call the Rectory at 412-621-4951 if you are interested in volunteering!

Parish Life Goal

- ❖ **To nurture Saint Paul Cathedral Parish as a warm and welcoming community for all and to encourage the participation and involvement of all registered members and visitors.**
 - Increase the “greeting effort” for all Sunday Masses.
 - Review and expand hospitality efforts with special emphasis on newcomer and visitor welcome.
 - Increase the participation of the diverse and representative parish membership in all committees established to implement the pastoral plan.
 - Plan a minimum of 3 new activities designed to bring the parish community together spiritually and/or socially.

Liturgical Goal

- ❖ **To continuously enhance the liturgical life of the Cathedral.**
 - Regularly assess our worship and liturgical practices in light of the Church’s teachings.
 - Expand the ongoing formation and renewal of liturgical ministers.

Faith Formation Goal

- ❖ **To provide a range of offerings that strives to enlighten and reach out in faith to the People of God.**
 - Expand adult formation opportunities to promote understanding of the faith and church teachings.
 - Widely communicate Cathedral events to parishioners and beyond (through a variety of mediums).
 - Redesign and keep current the parish web page.
 - Update TV Broadcast equipment and develop additional ways to expand this ministry.

Stewardship Goal

- ❖ **To develop responsible stewardship of the parishioners and visitors, encouraging all to share their gifts of time, talent, and treasure.**
 - Build an “on call” listing of possible volunteers with specific skills (talents).
 - Develop a “tithing” program with a format for understanding the concept of time, talent, and treasure as gifts.

Parish Programs Goal

- ❖ **To develop new and continue existing programs that address the pastoral needs of the Cathedral community.**
 - Survey the members of the parish community to determine gaps and prioritize needs.
 - Complete census forms and computerize all parish records.
 - Develop ways to communicate with the varied segments of the parish memberships to inform, recruit volunteers, and promote events.

The PARISH needs YOU !

For this Pastoral Plan to be successful, we need many volunteer leaders! Goals teams will examine each of these outcomes, carefully plan, and implement the kinds of activities that will help accomplish the goals. Several potential activities were identified during the planning process. They present broad array of possibilities and are a beginning to help action committees determine which ideas will lead us to accomplish the goals that have been proposed. It will be the work of the Pastoral Plan Goal Teams to determine appropriate activities to ensure the successful implementation of each objective.

Following is a partial list of activities that may be considered in achieving these outcomes.

- Continue and expand parish community events such as the parish picnic.
- Develop an information brochure.
- Support the efforts of parish groups such as the Ladies of Charity and Race and Reconciliation Group programs.
- Widen the scope & nature of activities to include the broader involvement of age and interest groups.
- Recruit for diocesan activities (i.e.: vocation awareness).
- Develop a staff and member directory.
- Send welcome / follow up notes to newly baptized, married, bereaved.
- Publish the opportunities for volunteerism and provide training and resources needed for volunteers.