

Mission

We, the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Rochester, joyfully embrace our baptismal call to worship God, to preach the good news of Christ, to build up the community of faith and hope in the Holy Spirit, and to serve those in need.

As pilgrims nourished by the Eucharist for our journey of faith, we work with other churches and with all who seek harmony within the human family to advance the reign of God.

Continuing our diocese's century-old tradition of courage and creativity, and responding to the Second Vatican Council's call for the ongoing concerns of the Church, we strive to meet the needs of our community in this time and this place.



Values

In pursuit of this mission, our work will be guided by these values, which have emerged from our Synod process:

- ❖ To be a collaborative church
- ❖ To call forth lay leadership
- ❖ To utilize fully the richness of our diversity
- ❖ To be open, trusting and respectful in our dialogue with one another
- ❖ To engage in ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue and cooperation

Synod Priorities

- ❖ Form Catholics in beliefs, traditions and values throughout life
- ❖ Advocate for a consistent ethic of life
- ❖ Teach the Catholic moral tradition
- ❖ Recognize and value the dignity of women in the Church and society
- ❖ Promote the formation and growth of Small Christian Communities



Adopted by the General Synod, October 1993, these priorities form the basis of our Pastoral Plan Goals and Objectives.

Summary of Goals and Objectives

Goal 1. Form Catholics in beliefs, Catholic morality and spirituality throughout life

Objectives

- ❖ Promote mature growth in faith for young adults and adults to help them link everyday life with Catholic belief
- ❖ Redirect parish and diocesan resources to fund life-long faith formation
- ❖ Help families/households to grow in faith
- ❖ Train parish volunteers and pastoral staff members in the knowledge and skills essential for their ministry



Goal 2. Advocate for the consistent life ethic (CLE)

Objectives

- ❖ Promote awareness of the consistent life ethic through development of learning materials and resources
- ❖ Encourage each parish to become involved annually with a CLE service project
- ❖ Educate Catholics on the need to advocate for public policies supporting CLE



Goal 3. Recognize and value the dignity of women in Church and society

Objectives

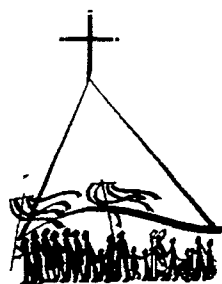
- ❖ Proclaim the dignity of all women in the Church
- ❖ Address women's issues in society



Goal 4. Promote the growth of small Christian communities (SCCs)

Objectives

- ❖ Develop SCCs by establishing a resource center, providing training, and forming a network of communities



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