

CHURCH OF THE CRUCIFIXION
PASTORAL PLAN
2009-2010

PASTORAL OUTREACH

Items related to the fulfillment of the parish's Christian responsibility to manifest special concern and service on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable (locally, nationally and internationally) through public advocacy, direct service, sharing of resources, education and worship.

Goal #1 Increase and develop active participation of families and households in parish worship.

Objective 1: Enlist parishioner participation in, but not limited to, Respect Life, Winter Relief, and Homeless Resource Day.

Objective 2: Advertise for additional members to distribute Holy Communion in the hospitals, nursing homes, and to the housebound.

Goal #2 Provide awareness of the Md. Catholic Conference

Objective 1: Publicize Legislative and Political issues vital to all Catholics in the church bulletin.

Objective 2: Provide parishioners with the means of voicing their opinions and concerns to their Legislators.

STEWARDSHIP

Items related to the development and management of the human, material and financial resources of the parish, especially the encouragement of parishioners to fully utilize their gifts of time, talent and treasure for the mission of the church.

Goal #1 Implement the Archdiocese Maintenance Plan for the parish.

Objective 1: Grow roster of volunteers to help with the maintenance of the parish and grounds.

Objective 2: Establish a list of parishioner volunteers with special talents such as plumbing, electrical, information technology, etc. that could provide help with minor repairs around the church and grounds.

Goal #2 Increase participation in existing committees and ministries.

Objective 1: Invite the different ministries to explain their work at the Mass

Objective 2: Distribute a Welcome Packet to new parishioners.

Objective 3: Encouragement from the clergy in the pulpit asking for participation in the parish ministries.

Goal #3 Increase the number of families participating in the Annual Appeal by recognition of the grants received from the archdiocese.

Objective 1: Inform parishioners of how the appeal has benefited us thru the bulletin.

Objective 2: Educating the parishioners on how the archdiocese uses the appeal monies.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Items relate to the cultivation and enhancement of mutually supportive relationships among all members of the parish community of faith.

Goal 1: Enhance effective communication among the parishioners.

Objective 1: Print monthly Calendar of Events in the bulletin or in a flyer.

Objective 2: Ask parish groups to utilize the bulletin board in the foyer to communicate activities.

Objective 3: Implement the Parish Picnic as part of the celebration of our parish Feast Day.

Goal 2: Get middle and high school-aged parishioners involved in our ministries and activities.

Objective 1: Prepare regular youth activities.

Objective 2: Organize opportunities for youth involvement in parish activities.

FAITH FORMATION

Items relate to the promotion and development of life-long spiritual growth and understanding of the truth of the Gospel as it is handed on in our living Catholic tradition.

Goal 1: Identify and reach out to inactive Catholics.

Objective 1: Create an evangelization group/committee.

Objective 2: Conduct a census team (to take the parish census).

Objective 3: Increase participation in Family Fellowship after the 10:30 AM Mass every other month.

Goal 2: Share faith formation activities with the cluster.

Objective 1: Coordinate and plan a cluster faith formation offering under the direction of pastoral leaders.

Objective 2: Promote use of the cluster website.

Goal 3: Reflect on the vocation of the priesthood during the year for priests.

Objective 1: Create a vocation committee at the Church of the Crucifixion

Objective 2: Coordinate one or two vocational activities during the year in religious education.

Objective 3: Include a prayer for priest at weekend masses during the year for priest.

WORSHIP

Items related to the celebration of the central mysteries of our Christian faith in liturgical and other forms of prayer where we are gathered, strengthened, and spiritual nourished for greater witness and service in the mission of the Church

Goal 1: Increase Mass attendance.

Objective 1: Improve signage (i.e., put a sign at the corner of Scott Avenue and B&A Blvd).

Objective 2: Increase advertising of Mass times.

Objective 3: Advertise COC at Fort Meade.

Goal 2: Enhance the worship experience through the cultivation of an environment of hospitality.

Objective 1: Increase the number of greeters

Objective 2: Encourage ushers to choose parishioners to present the gifts at Mass.

Goal 3: To foster and develop a reflective and prayerful atmosphere before and after Mass.

Objective 1: Have music ministry to play reflective music before and after Mass.

Objective 2: Encourage conversation to be held in the quiet room or vestibule.