



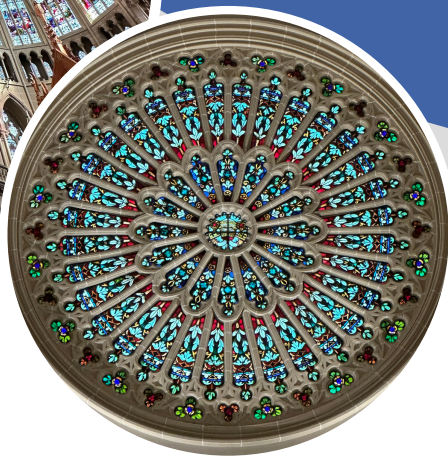
CATHEDRAL BASILICA *of the Assumption*

Pastoral Plan Overview

Our Vision

We see the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption as:

- A joyful, welcoming and engaged community
- Where people can deepen their relationship with God
- Grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, and
- Share the good news of God's love and mercy with those we meet.



PARISH PRIORITIES

Enhance Faith Formation and Discipleship

Through Baptism we are called to follow Jesus, and by sharing our faith with family, friends, and neighbors, we can help others as well as ourselves, grow in relationship with Him. At the Cathedral, this means forming people in their faith so that parishioners are equipped to share their faith with others. This would address a major area of opportunity identified by the parish survey that revealed few people are comfortable sharing personal faith stories and the story of Jesus and grow deeper in their relationship with Him.

Desired Outcomes

- The entire congregation grows in their knowledge of the Catholic faith.
- Parishioners have the confidence and ability to share the faith and help others encounter Jesus through evangelization.

Build a Welcoming Community for Jesus Christ

We recognize that the Cathedral draws many people together as the Body of Christ. We want all visitors, parishioners, and guests to feel welcomed and experience a vibrant community of hospitality. This priority will help us deepen our connection with one another and with Christ in a meaningful way.

Desired Outcomes

- Every parishioner feels inspired to welcome others.
- More parishioners become involved with parish activities/ministries.

Enhance Parish Communication

To ensure that parishioners are sufficiently informed about parish activities and the life of the parish. The Church not only has to understand the needs of the flock, but also to communicate changes and information effectively with everyone. In doing this, it needs to reach everyone of all ages through different means.

Desired Outcomes

- Parishioners are better informed about parish offerings, opportunities, and events.
- There are multiple, efficient means of communication.

What is a Missionary Disciple?

A missionary disciple of Jesus Christ is one who has experienced God's saving love and accepted the personal call to repentance and growth. The life of a disciple is never perfect and never finished. Like the first followers of Christ, on-going conversion opens the soul to redemption, hope, and peace. We share what we love. This is how the disciple becomes a missionary: living life in Christ by the way we believe and the choices we make. As missionary disciples, we partner with Christ in the salvation of souls.

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Our Enduring Values and Beliefs

KNOWING OUR FAITH

We are a people seeking to know our truth of Jesus Christ and to understand our Catholic Faith.

We live this value when we:

- **trust** in the Lord with all our hearts
- **study** the Bible and learn the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church
- continue to be **formed** in our faith, being strengthened as a community of believers and deepening our relationship with Christ

SHARING OUR FAITH

We are a people of faith who help others follow Jesus through shared spiritual growth and living according to His Word.

We live this value when we:

- **take the initiative** to make prayer and worship accessible to all age groups
- **encourage others** to participate and share in the Sacramental life
- **share** our personal faith journey with others

PRAYER

Every day, each of us is called to spend personal time with Jesus, who loves us.

We live this value when we:

- **embrace** and **encourage** a deep relationship with our Lord through daily prayer
- are **intentional** about praying with our family during the week
- **accept our responsibility** to educate others and provide them opportunities to participate in and cultivate a more fruitful prayer life

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

We believe in supporting and enriching the lives of one another through our Catholic faith, which is the firm foundation of our community.

We live this value when we:

- are a **welcoming community** that strives to support one another both spiritually and socially
- **promote appealing parish-wide events** to expand the participation of all, especially young families
- **invite and encourage** all to become involved at the Cathedral in serving our local community