

Archdiocese of Portland Pastoral Priorities

Encountering Christ, Deepening Faith, and Becoming Compelling Witnesses of the Gospel

Executive Summary

Highlights of the Work of Pastoral Center Offices Related to the Pastoral Priorities (past twelve months)

Catechesis and Faith Formation

- Offered 3 Regional Catechist Training days with 450 parish leaders attending.
- Launched *Totus Tuus* ministry. 4 parishes and 4 college age missionaries offered weeklong evangelization and catechesis to children and youth.
- Partnered with Franciscan University of Steubenville's Catechetical Institute to offer online catechist formation for parish and lay leaders. 11 parishes participating.
- Offered workshops on family catechesis using *A Family of Faith* program (Sophia Institute Press).
- Offered workshop on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (a Montessori style catechetical method)
- Promoted 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion webinars (Augustine Institute's *Signs of Grace*).
- Offered days of reflection for parish ministry leaders in collaboration with Fr. Bernard Youth Ctr.
- Offered Annual Faith Formation Leaders Retreat (3-day, overnight retreat).
- Presented catechetical workshops at parishes throughout the Archdiocese.
- The Institute for Catholic Life and Leadership offered foundational certificates in theology and pastoral ministry at two different sites in Keizer and Beaverton. 70 lay students participated in English and Spanish tracks. The program will expand to Southern OR in the Fall of 2019.
- Over 50 parishes subscribed to FORMED through diocesan partnership with Augustine Institute.
- Organized Archbishop's lecture series & Archdiocesan Speakers Bureau.

Divine Worship

- Pastoral Letter released: "Sing to the Lord a New Song."
- Archdiocesan Liturgical Handbook (ALH) training sessions throughout the Archdiocese.
- Produced & distributed 6,000 Stations of the Cross booklets.
- Archdiocesan Vestments – each priest has a matching vestment.
- 6,000 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) commissioned & registered.
- Over 3,000 EMHCs trained.
- Annual Corpus Christi Mass and Procession inaugurated at the Cathedral.
- Produced monthly Divine Worship Newsletter (DWNL) - current Issue 20.
- Produced Source & Summit (Fuente y Cumbre) publications for EMHCs.
- Parish Book of Marian Devotions published.
- Produced "How to Receive the Holy Eucharist" video (20K Views on Vimeo).
- St. Michael the Archangel and other prayer cards distributed throughout the Archdiocese.
- Regular monthly interview with Mater Dei discussing Divine Worship.

Marriage and Family Life

- Continued training & follow-up with parishes on implementing New Marriage Prep Framework.
- Promoted Lenten small groups with materials on Building Domestic Churches.
- Worked with several parishes to build a culture of ongoing small groups.
- Started beta test of the *Marriage in Christ* seminar with five parishes & trained new leaders.
- Chaired diocesan Anti-Pornography Taskforce & offered regional anti-porn training for parents.
- Produced & distributed *Tips for Parenting around Sexuality* card (English, Spanish, Vietnamese).
- Co-hosted "Transgender" workshop with Clergy Office.
- Offered workshop on Holy Sexuality at OSU for college students.

- 8 lay ministers attended Holy Sexuality training: sharing the truth in love w/LGBTQ community.
- Partnered with NW Family Services and Catholic counselor on *Marriage Refresh* - a research-based program with relationship tools to foster deeper love and friendship.
- Organized anniversary Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral in February.
- Partnered with a parish and Catholic counselor on workshops for strengthening marriages.
- Expanded faith-filled counselor database for use by priests and lay ministers.
- Partnered with *Family in Christ* to test a new resource for parents to lead family prayer in Lent.

Vocations

- Collaborated with parishes & vicariates to host vocation sessions w/seminarians & area religious
- Continued weekly radio program "Answering the Call" on Mater Dei Radio.
- Organized quarterly vicariate Masses for vocations & hosted monthly discernment evenings.
- Organized *Andrew and Miriam Dinners* with the bishop, clergy & religious to foster vocations.
- Collaborated to include Vocations Office at regional & archdiocesan events and trainings.
- Participated in school, parish, and vicariate youth and young adult events to promote vocations.
- Produced annual Seminarian Poster and prayer card with individual seminarian cards.
- Organized Quo Vadis Days and Reunions for those interested in a vocation to the priesthood.
- Helped plan and organize the Archbishop's Discernment Retreat.
- Organized 6th Grade Vocation Rallies.
- Organized *Nun Run* for women interested in a religious vocation.
- Forthcoming: Archdiocesan Vocations Plan to foster a culture of vocations in parishes & schools.

Works of Mercy

- *Open to Life* Columns in the Catholic Sentinel focus on Works of Mercy.
- Commissioned a series of posters for each of the Corporal Works of Mercy & shared w/parishes: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/e07athoz54yinu6/AACHRJmxuWRUQv_WR3noybgCa?dl=0
- Produced *Foundations of Faith*, a monthly, issue focused, parish mailing with prayers, homily hints, bulletin reflections, and the relevant Work of Mercy with specific suggestions on getting involved: <https://evangelization.archdpdx.org/foundations-of-faith>
- Works of Mercy pages moved to: <https://evangelization.archdpdx.org/works-of-mercy> (Español) <https://evangelization.archdpdx.org/vida-paz-justicia>
- In Progress: Working on an Archdiocesan guide of parish social services.

Young Adult Ministry

- Collaborated w/Vocations Office on 2019 World Youth Day. Archbishop led 30 pilgrims.
- Supported the organization Young Catholic Professionals (YCP).
- Identified Young Adult ministry leaders in parishes to collaborate and meet every two months.
- Helped promote Young Adult Lenten Holy Hours in Salem and Portland
- Promoted YA Retreats during Advent & Lent in collaboration with the Vocations Office and YCP
- Began rebranding YA Ministry under *#PNWCatholic*. Social media & website underway.
- Promoted collaboration & regular gatherings of Newman Center & Catholic College Club leaders
- Supported the FOCUS Missionaries at U of O.
- Promoted *Alpha* training for campus ministry leaders.
- Promoted & collaborated on *Go Fish* Retreat. Over 200 college students attended.
- Made campus ministry visits to all 6 medium-large schools in the diocese (UofO, OSU, PSU, UofP, WOU and SOU) to meet and see the ministries.
- Started *Flocknote* communications (email & text) for college campus & parish YA ministers.
- Updated campus ministry grant applications for better accountability, training & collaboration.