

Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Pastoral Plan

Evangelization

GOAL:

As a faith-filled community, develop and expand programs to nourish a deeper personal relationship with Christ and the Catholic faith.

OBJECTIVES:

1. The parish leadership team of the ChristLife Series of Discovering Christ, Following Christ and Sharing Christ will continue with this program that was initiated in the spring of 2018 with the Discovering Christ portion of the program.
2. The Parish Council and the parish staff will plan adult faith formation presentations with the expectation of a program in Lent, a program in Advent, and other programs to be scheduled during Ordinary Time.
3. The Parish Council and the parish staff will develop a program of small faith-formation groups that will meet monthly to focus on a discussion of the next Sunday's readings, the writings and teachings of Pope Francis on Evangelization and other directed topics, and be guided by common discussion questions. Groups are to be organized and scheduled for the convenience of the participants.
4. The Parish Council and parish staff will review the material from the Archdiocese about the Remain in My Love program for married couples and determine which, if any, should be implemented at OMGC.
5. The Parish Council will establish a committee to recruit ushers and greeters for the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Families and Youth

GOAL:

To increase attendance and engagement by OMGC's young families and youth parishioners at Mass.

OBJECTIVES:

1. The Parish Council will establish a committee to consider a child-friendly Mass at the 11:15 Sunday service to encourage parents to attend with their children. This would include a children's Liturgy of the Word with activities during Mass in a separate room led by adult volunteers; consideration of a youth choir; having teenagers and children as lectors and servers; and other similar items.
2. The PREP team will evaluate the timing of PREP classes and Mass with consideration of providing time for the children to release energy before Mass, and implement it if appropriate.
3. The PREP team will continue to pair younger children with older children in the parish for Mass and education.
4. The leaders of the youth group will continue existing social functions and activities for families and determine what additional social functions and activities can be instituted, with renewed focus on incorporating families with children who attend Catholic schools and families with children who attend non-Catholic schools.
5. A committee consisting of parents of PREP students and the PREP leadership will be formed to identify ways in which parents of PREP students can become more involved in their children's religious education, and to implement any suggestions that are agreed upon.
6. The PREP leadership will explore the recruitment of local college students to act as catechists and otherwise participate in the PREP program.

Communications

GOAL:

To provide an effective and efficient method to communicate with members of the parish, in order to keep them informed and aware of parish activities and goals, and foster a true sense of community among our members.

OBJECTIVES:

1. The Parish Council will establish a task force to evaluate the merits of publishing a directory (online and/or hard copy) with the names and contact information of parishioners who wish to be included, and to carry out this task if the decision is to implement it.
2. The Parish Council shall place a poster in the vestibule with the names, position/committee and pictures of Parish Council members, and keep it current as the membership of the Parish Council changes over time.
3. The Parish Council will communicate to parishioners about the topics considered by the Parish Council by (1) having a Parish Council link on the home page of the parish website where a summary of the Parish Council minutes and/or committee reports would be provided and (2) providing this information in the parish bulletin.
4. Re-establish the Stewardship Committee which will focus upon increasing the involvement of parishioners with their time, talent and treasure; and have a Ministry Day where all parish ministries and organizations can provide information and encourage participation by parishioners.
5. The Parish Council will establish a committee to consider the establishment of a Welcoming Committee to contact newly registered parishioners and to create a Welcome package to be given to new parishioners with information about the parish, the parish staff and the Parish Council; the scheduled liturgies; and the ministries that they could become involved in.

