

“A COMMUNITY OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES”

DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON PASTORAL PLAN SUMMARY

MISSION PRIORITY ONE: EVANGELIZATION

We will proclaim and witness Christ everywhere and at all times for the conversion of individuals and the transformation of society, by:

1. Engaging youth and young adults more effectively in the life of the Church.
2. Fostering mutual respect through dialogue, learning to become a listening Church.
3. Collaborating with our ecumenical family to strengthen Christian public witness.

MISSION PRIORITY TWO: SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

We will ensure Eucharistic-centered communities who draw their identity and mission from the sacramental life of the church, by:

1. Strengthening ministerial and communal relationships throughout the diocese to ensure that priests and the Church's sacraments are available to the faithful everywhere.
2. Strengthening liturgical practices, sacramental practices, and prayer life to give glory to God and be welcoming to all God's people.
3. Recruiting and developing a new generation of ministerial servant leaders.

MISSION PRIORITY THREE: UNITY/COMMUNION

We will promote within our parishes and diocese a culture that fosters our unity and experience of communion, mirroring the Trinity, by:

1. Cultivating unity that mirrors the communion within the Trinity.
2. Discovering the gift of diversity and celebrating it.
3. Forming inclusive and welcoming parish communities.
4. Strengthening relationships, nurturing collaboration, and improving communication among urban/Bluegrass parishes, rural/mountain parishes, and our various immigrant and refugee communities.

MISSION PRIORITY FOUR: FAITH FORMATION

We will awaken, foster, and empower communities of missionary disciples to discern and more fully embody their baptismal identity and vocation, by:

1. Creating a culture of individual and communal discernment of the universal vocation to discipleship.
2. Fostering a life-long journey of discipleship.
3. Promoting and strengthening the handing on of faith in families and within our parish families.

MISSION PRIORITY FIVE: STEWARDSHIP

We will exercise faithful stewardship in the care of creation and the use of diocesan resources, by:

1. Promoting a spirituality of the care of creation.
2. Ensuring a vibrant Catholic presence throughout the diocese via effective and sustainable ministry.
3. Identifying critical areas of demographic change to ensure provision and maintenance of adequate – facilities for liturgy and ministry.
4. Evaluating and updating deanery operations for greater effectiveness.