

Charter for the Diocese of Paisley

- 1. The diocese of Paisley values, promotes and actively encourages the role of the laity in the new evangelisation as an important way to achieve the mission of the Church as, all together, we share the Good News.*
- 2. Through mutual responsibility, dialogue and action, all members of the diocesan community - including clergy, religious and laity - will work in collaborative ministry to provide a model of Church relevant to our context as an example of what can be accomplished in the future.*
- 3. The Diocese of Paisley, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the patronage of Our Lady of Paisley, St Mirin and St. Margaret, will work towards being a faith filled community where:*
 - 1. The Diocese of Paisley is committed to effective evangelisation centred on each Christian's personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a life lived with faith, hope and charity.**
 - 2. We recognise that Faith formation and active discipleship are of fundamental importance in developing the role of the laity in the new evangelisation within our parish and diocesan communities.**
 - 3. We will encourage a dynamic and collaborative engagement among all those called through baptism into the family of God to use their gifts and talents to build up the body of Christ in an atmosphere of mutual respect.**
 - 4. It is our intention that all families will feel welcome when they enter their church for liturgies, sacramental preparation or support of any kind.**
 - 5. Our Young people are valued as bringing life to the Church.**
 - 6. We commit ourselves to reaching out to all of society, in particular those who feel excluded, offering witness to our belief that each person, made in the image and likeness of God, is deserving of dignity and respect.**
 - 7. The structures of the Diocese will be renewed to meet the needs of the diverse communities that they serve.**
 - 8. We are committed to making our parishes welcoming communities of faith and to each member of the parish community feeling that they belong and have something to contribute.**
 - 9. We understand Communication in all its components - the message, the medium and the language - as central to the success of the Church in the modern era. We will seek to actively use communication to promote the Gospel message of peace and reconciliation.**