

## **Pastoral Priority II**

### **EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS**

1. Our parish leaders and members are committed to evangelization as our common mission to witness to Christ and to proclaim the Good News of salvation.
2. Our parishioners are invited to ongoing evangelization through more frequent encounters with Jesus, ever deeper conversion, and communion with him; they are encouraged to know Christ and to make him known, to live Gospel values and to actively evangelize their environments.
3. We reach out to those who do not know Christ, to Christians seeking full communion with the Church and to alienated and inactive Catholics.
4. Newcomers are warmly welcomed into our parish.
5. Our parish is committed to life-long faith formation for which adequate resources are available.
6. Our parish, in collaboration with the Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, has a comprehensive plan for catechesis respecting language and cultural diversity including:
  - a. sacramental preparation and systematic catechesis for children and youth, engaging their parents as their primary educators in the faith,
  - b. the Christian initiation of adults and children,
  - c. Scripture study and faith-sharing experiences,
  - d. adult faith formation,
  - e. response to special education needs.
7. Our parish engages a qualified director of catechetical ministry (DCM), along with coordinators, according to diocesan policies and guidelines, and encourages their ongoing formation.
8. In accord with diocesan policies we provide for the certification and ongoing renewal of our catechetical ministers.
9. Within our parish pastoral council, we have a parish committee for evangelization and catechesis.
10. Our parochial school is an integrated part of the educational mission of the parish with full parish support.
11. Since our parish does not have its own grade school, it offers support for our children attending parochial schools in the area.