

## **Pastoral Priority VIII**

### **THE CHRISTIAN VOCATION OF THE LAITY**

1. Our parish promotes Christian stewardship as a way of life and is animated by a truly catholic spirit and missionary zeal which is demonstrated within but readily looks beyond parish boundaries to neighboring parishes, to the diocese and even beyond the diocese.
2. We actively support the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal and wholeheartedly embrace the required special collections for national and worldwide missionary and charitable causes.
3. Our parish has a pastoral council and a finance council which are set up and function according to diocesan guidelines and to which our parish offices in the areas of ministry and administration are related. We adhere to all diocesan requirements for parish administration.
4. Our parish staff and leadership team members meet regularly with our pastor in order better to fulfill their particular roles and responsibilities toward accomplishing the mission of Christ.
5. We provide opportunities for parishioners and staff members to participate in programs of formation for various ministries and administrative roles.
6. We value effective communication as essential for building strong relationships within our parish and for realizing our goals.
7. We encourage and assist our lay members to embrace the vocation for which they are empowered by the Holy Spirit: to evangelize the cultures of which they are a part and to affect their environment for Christ.