ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

PASTORAL PRIORITIES

Encountering Christ. Deepening Faith. Becoming Compelling Witnesses of the Gospel.

CATECHESIS AND FAITH FORMATION
(Children, Youth and Adults)

- Formation and training of catechists
- Curriculum standards
- Support for parents
- Catechetical materials for non-English speakers and people with special needs
- Tools for ongoing faith formation

DIVINE WORSHIP

- Elevated liturgical music
- Formation of liturgical ministers
- Engagement with the Mass
- Consistent Mass experience
- Parish hospitality

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

- Marriage preparation
- Support for marital challenges/divorced
- Resources for married life/raising children
- Support for young married/families
- Guidance in sexual and gender issues

VOCATIONS

- Shared real-life priestly vocation stories
- Encounters between lay and religious
- Increase awareness of religious orders
- Formation for vocational discernment
- Train/equip youth and young adult ministers to aid vocational discernment

WORKS OF MERCY

- Local participation in works of mercy
- Create a culture of mercy in vicariates/parishes
- Corporal and spiritual works of mercy as integral to family life
- Expansion of prison ministry
- Suicide response and prevention

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

- Establish networks of support
- Engagement with the Mass
- Involvement in parish life
- Listen to and meet young adult needs
- Inspire and engage in the Faith

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