

MISSION RENEWAL EXAMEN

CHRIST-CENTERED MISSION: PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL & DIVINE WORSHIP

1. To what extent does our parish culture:
 - a. reflect confidence in and fidelity to Church teachings?
 - b. provide a life-giving and ongoing encounter with Jesus Christ? Are we as a parish able to provide evidence for this?
 - c. believe that a faithful proclamation of the Gospel carries in itself the power to transform lives?
2. To what extent are we as a parish implementing the Liturgical Handbook¹ of the Archdiocese and remaining faithful to the Church's teachings on sacred music?²
3. Based on this, are we ensuring excellence in our liturgical and sacramental practices, including the availability of confession, according to the mind of the Church expressed in the magisterium and in the Liturgical Handbook of the Archdiocese?

THE ROLE OF THE PASTOR & PAROCHIAL VICAR

4. Are we as a parish willing and able to take the steps to reduce the administrative burden on our priests and allow them to prioritize personal prayer, evangelization, and pastoral care as spiritual fathers? What do we need to do concretely to make this a reality?
5. To what extent has our parish taken steps to ensure that administrative tasks can be effectively delegated, and how can we support this through a strong leadership team?

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

6. What are our parish's long-term plans for the evangelizing mission work of the parish, and how can we ensure they remain adaptable and relevant to our community's evolving needs and remain in alignment with the Archdiocesan Evangelization Playbook?³
7. To what extent is our parish proactive in bringing the Gospel beyond the parking lot, and are we welcoming and engaging new people when they come?

¹ This Handbook is available in the sacristy and parish offices, if you would like to consult it. You can also find it online at <https://tinyurl.com/ymjmym2k>

² See Archbishop Sample's Pastoral Letter "Sing to the Lord a New Song" on Sacred Music in Divine Worship. <https://tinyurl.com/2e89vw4r>

³ Online at <https://tinyurl.com/4ed8c6u6>

8. Does our parish have missionary evangelistic outreach programs (e.g., Alpha, Rescue Project)?
9. To what extent do our catechesis and faith formation programs serve parishioners of all ages?
10. If our parish has a school, to what extent are we able to foster mission-passionate Catholic education in our parish school?
11. To what extent does our parish foster vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious or consecrated life within our parish community? Are we supporting our parishioners in their respective vocations and state in life?
12. When was the last time a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious/consecrated life came from our parish? (The Archbishop asks you to pay particular attention to this question).
13. What strategies are we engaged in that encourage more parishioners to actively engage in the life and activities of the parish?
14. Are we identifying and involving new people in parish activities, moving beyond the “usual” group of engaged parishioners?

WORKS OF MERCY & CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING MINISTRY

15. To what extent does our parish actively engage in the works of mercy and ensure they align with Catholic moral and social teaching?

STEWARDSHIP

16. What is the current state of our parish’s financial sustainability, and what opportunities exist for us to secure or improve this sustainability in the future?
17. To what extent do our facilities and campus adequately support the mission work of the parish? If not, what improvements are necessary and possible?



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Organizational Clarity

Why do we exist?

- We exist to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

How do we behave?

- Zeal and courage for the mission
- Fidelity to the faith
- Team player

What do we do?

- We minister to the salvation of Jesus Christ by exercising His mission to teach, sanctify, and shepherd His people.

How will we succeed?

- Bringing people into a life-giving, ongoing and transformational encounter with Jesus Christ
- Cultivating a healthy, united and on-fire priesthood
- Educating people in the true teachings of the Catholic Church
- Forming people for the work of evangelization

What is most important right now?

- Dispose Hearts and Minds for Renewal.