

# Strategic Plan Update – June 2025

**“In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.” – Pope Francis - 2025 - A Year of Jubilee: “Pilgrims of Hope”**

Your Queen of Peace Catholic Community continues to renew our hope in Christ as we review where we are, where we lack, and what’s next to achieve our objectives set forth in the Parish Strategic Plan. As a reminder, our Strategic Plan’s four pillars are highlighted below.

## Engaging hospitality and community involvement

**We welcome Glorimar Iglesias** as our new Pastoral Associate of Hospitality! Glorimar is vibrant and full of energy, warmth, smiles and hugs!



Our Parish is growing! We welcome new parishioners with a special party, **“Pizza with the Pastor”**, an entertaining and informative **Behind-the-Scenes Tour** of the church sanctuary, and in May 2025, we hosted our inaugural **“Queen of Peace 101-Welcome Home”**, a bilingual orientation and listening session to help parishioners find their way to greater faith in God through our community.

One of our goals is to have more integration between QPCA Parent Support Organization with parish hospitality to provide opportunities for families to feel more connected with the parish community.

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## Dynamic Liturgical Celebrations and Spiritual Growth

One sign of dynamic liturgy at Queen of Peace is the increase in attendance at Mass. **We are finding Jesus here each week at Mass! What could be more dynamic than this?**



Jesus presents Himself to us in the Eucharist, through our Pastor, priests and deacons, in His Word, in the music, and in the people gathered. We can see God moving and acting through our priests, their actions, voices, prayers and love.



**“To see how the Holy Spirit guided these individuals as they journeyed with a community for approximately 10 months was truly a miracle to witness. The growth in openness to God’s initiative, intimacy with Jesus, and desire to enter into the mysteries of Faith through the Queen of Peace community was equally as inspiring to the uniquely outstanding Queen of Peace liturgies during the Lenten and Easter seasons.”** Kyle DePalma, Dir. of Religious Ed.

- God has called 27 youth and adults to the sacraments of initiation this year through Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2025.
- On Divine Mercy Sunday another 130 candidates received the sacrament of Confirmation with forty of those individuals receiving First Eucharist as well!
- On May 17th, we celebrated 74 second graders' reception of First Eucharist. In total, over 200 youth and adults receiving at least 1 of 3 sacraments!
- Seven Sisters Apostolate- Each of our priests receives a regular Holy Hour from one of our 7 Sisters Apostolate members every day of the week. It is a blessing for both the priest & the intercessor.
- **Still to be developed** - Queen of Peace Spiritual University offering classes, workshops and lecture series as a source of engaging relevant adult faith formation.



We continue to provide hope and true help to the local hungry, the poor and the marginalized through our Monthly Collection, the April Showers Baby Shower, and Christmas in July. Queen of Peace parishioners are known for their generous hearts. All parishioners are invited to reach out to care for their brothers and sisters in Christ through our ministry partners.

- Our foreign mission partners look out for the safety and well-being of communities around the world, in places like the West Amazon Basin, a Catholic primary school in Rwanda, a high school in Colombia, cancer treatments for children in Latin America.



- **What's next? Family Mission trip planned- July 3-10, 2026- to Butare Catholic School in Rwanda, Africa.** We're very excited to have families attend this trip. Students must be at least 14 years old to go. You can reach Amy Barber at [ffm@qopparish.org](mailto:ffm@qopparish.org) for more information.

# Empowering our Youth and Young Adults

Wednesday night Summer Youth Group sounds like a lot of fun at Queen of Peace, with a really good, dedicated group of kids! They enjoy spending time in Adoration, Bible study, playing games and hanging out together. This group is a crossover to a Teen Advisory Council, advising Fr Al and leadership, and an integral part in developing and implementing activities.

- 75 QOP campers are headed to Life Teen camps this summer at Camp Hidden Lake and Camp Covecrest.
- We have a healthy Confirmation program lined up with exciting guest speakers to engage the youth.
- Nick Lomas, Youth director is working on an exciting kickoff for August 2025, strengthening our youths' interconnectedness with peer groups in the wider community, through his association with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, integrating students from QOP, St. Francis, Oak Hall, and The Rock.

**“We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and dialogue, always open to receive people with open arms – everyone, all those who need our charity, our presence, dialogue and love.”**

**-Pope Leo XIV**