

Church	Parish
The mission of the Church is to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom. This is accomplished through:	The vital and viable parish is typified by the following constructs:
Worship	Sacrament and Worship
	Through liturgy we celebrate God in our lives. The major liturgy of the New Testament is the Eucharist.
Proclamation of the Gospel	Prayer and Spirituality
	Through catechesis we interpret how God moves in our lives. Holy Scripture is one of the main sources of catechesis.
Offering of healing service to people in need	Ministry, Charity, and Justice
	Through social justice initiatives we respond to the call to be just.
Building of community	Community
	Central to life of a Catholic is membership in a parish community. Parish is to be understood in terms of its people and not in terms of its structures.

*Parish is the Church in a local situation.
Church happens in parish.*

IV. Conclusion

We are aware that there are other important priorities yet to be dealt with, such as Native Ministry, transparency within the Archdiocese, and preaching, to mention some. These will be touched on in this implementation and will remain as priorities to be addressed.

In summary then, we set out now on this renewed vision for the Church in the Archdiocese of Regina. Because of the size and distances involved in our local church, we need to bring about a decentralization in providing diocesan services and identifying centres of church life.

Many of our parishes are very small and do not have the resources to provide the training and spiritual enrichment that are needed to keep the faith alive and thriving in the local community. Therefore it will be incumbent on the Deaneries, with the help of Diocesan Staff, to organize such events and opportunities of enrichment.

We will begin this process by focusing on four priorities: Evangelization, Education, Enabling the Laity and Liturgy. A complete list of all the needs and priorities that were first identified may be found on the back page. These will be taken up over the years ahead and provide us with an ongoing plan for the future.

Deanery Pastoral Councils will be essential bodies in making this happen. The Archdiocesan Offices will be mandated to give leadership and assistance to the Deaneries in this process.

The Dean will have an important responsibility in this process. Each Dean will be asked to provide an annual review to the Council of Priests of the progress being made in the implementation of this renewed vision. The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council will hold an annual review as well.

We have a long history of conscientious and effective formation of our laity in our parish communities. Parishes have been providing retreats, workshops and formation for their people. We are rich in our resources of skilled people. Over the last twenty or so years, hundreds of people have taken the Lay Ministry Formation Program and have received formation at the John Paul II Centre. Such people are a valuable resource in building on what has been achieved and bringing this vision to fruition. Their present involvement in the life of the Church and their training provide the church with a rich resource for renewal and strengthening of the life of the community that is the Roman Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Regina.



God's Word teaches us that we are the Body of Christ in our world. We are God's holy people, called by Jesus, the Lord, to continue in our world and in our time the mission he began during his ministry here on earth. We set out on this new venture confident that Christ is always with us. We have faith that the power of his Spirit who dwells within each of us with the wind and fire of Pentecost will give us the strength, energy and guidance to bear much fruit for God.

We have always before us Mary, the Mother of God's Son, to be our model and our guide. We commit our diocesan church to her motherly prayers and intercession. As the patroness of our diocese we ask her help:

*Pray for us, O holy mother of God,
that we may be made worthy
of the promises
of Christ.*

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