

Behold New Things Have Come

Basilica of St. Paul Pastoral Plan: 2015-2019

Vision of the Diocese of Orlando: We are called to teach and live the Light of Christ toward Goodness, Righteousness and Truth. We respond to this call by enkindling a deeper faith in the hearts and minds of our brothers and sisters; forming leaders in Christ; and harmonizing ministries to the mission of the Catholic Church.

The Five Year Pastoral Plan of the Basilica of St. Paul is based on this Vision Statement of the Diocese of Orlando. The three priorities of the diocese form the foundation of our Pastoral Plan.

Enkindling a Deeper Faith

- ❖ To provide outreach to inactive Catholics and non-Catholics
 - To create a Facebook page and Twitter account
 - To engage a public relations person to promote activities in newsprint and social media
- ❖ To improve Catholic Identity and evangelization of students and families in Basilica School
 - To develop an “Adopt a Family” program where Catholic families adopt non-Catholic school families
- ❖ To develop activities to help families grow in prayer and deal with family issues (single parents, divorced Catholic families, substance abuse, interfaith marriages etc.)
- ❖ To expand outreach to grieving families with referrals to resources
- ❖ To improve contact with new parishioners
 - Receptions, follow up for inclusion in ministry
 - To welcome new parishioners by name in the bulletin, with their permission
- ❖ To make greater contact with elderly/homebound and sick
 - Provide members to keep us informed about how elderly are doing
 - Provide Sacrament of the Sick at Mass
 - To reach out to parishioners who are absent from Mass and let them know they are missed and their gifts are missed
 - To have prayer requests sent to home-bound parishioners each week
- ❖ To extend personal invitations to people to serve, build relationships with parishioners
- ❖ To use bulletin inserts to provide more instruction on prayer, sacraments, moral theology, Scripture, temptation, sin
- ❖ To include a recap of the homily in the announcements or in the bulletin so people don't forget
- ❖ To include a monthly “ministry corner” in the bulletin where ministers write a paragraph promoting their ministries and why they like it
- ❖ To provide adoration of the Blessed Sacrament more often
- ❖ To provide small group for prayer, discussion, and faith sharing
 - To initiate the “Christ renews the Parish” program
- ❖ To provide more parish retreats, more retreats in Spanish, and more retreats for school children
- ❖ To infuse Catechesis of the Good Shepherd into parish Religious Education
- ❖ To use more upbeat, exciting and uplifting music in the Mass and include more traditional hymns

- ❖ To improve cantors' skills to be more invitational in their leading of the singing
- ❖ To grow secular movements, like the Secular Franciscans, Juan XXIII

Forming Leaders In Christ

- ❖ To develop a greater involvement of parishioners in ministry
 - Invite more people to commission events, not just ministry leaders
 - To increase liturgical ministers, such as altar servers, sacristans, and hospitality ministers
 - To continue "Coffee with the Council" and provide name tags for the participants
- ❖ To develop activities for young adults
- ❖ To develop a dynamic youth ministry program for middle school students
 - Initiate a program for middle school students
 - To expand youth group activities
 - To develop ministry to youth in Spanish
 - To involve youth in parish liturgical ministries
- ❖ To grow choir by including younger members, larger numbers of voice parts and expand repertoire
- ❖ To expand Bible studies to help us grow spiritually and include a Bible class in Spanish
- ❖ To reach out to younger parish families and encourage leadership and participation in the Mass
 - To offer child care during Mass and other events
- ❖ To develop a ministry leadership seminar program with faith formation opportunities
 - Seminars/workshops about the Mass
- ❖ To provide spiritual direction for parishioners
- ❖ To provide instruction on how to evangelize
- ❖ To develop a plan for evangelization for the Spanish community
- ❖ To prepare for the Year of Mercy

Harmonizing Ministries

- ❖ To improve parish facilities and grounds
 - To construct indoor restrooms for the church
 - To improve acoustics in the church especially in area near sanctuary and contract with a sound engineer
 - Develop a plan to improve kitchen facilities in Mullally Hall
 - To develop a plan for the landscaping of the parish grounds with involvement of parishioners
 - To provide better traffic control when parents are dropping off and picking up children at school
- ❖ To replace AC/Heating in church
- ❖ To develop an evangelization program for families in Religious Education program and Basilica School
- ❖ To involve the parish in the Basilica School
- ❖ To involve parish ministries in the promotion of vocations
- ❖ To improve fiscal matters of the parish
 - To be more transparent with financial information
 - To develop a plan for debt reduction

- To initiate a collection enhancement program
- To increase numbers of advertisers and sponsors for parish events
- ❖ To provide social activities for building community and greater unity in the parish
- ❖ To initiate a children's choir and blend young people into younger choirs
- ❖ To involve various parish ministries in social service opportunities
- ❖ To encourage parish ministries to collaborate in parish events
- ❖ To establish an email system and other communication system to parishioners
- ❖ To provide processions in public areas to evangelize and show unity of faith
 - To initiate a multi-cultural May procession
 - To initiate a Corpus Christi procession to include various ministries and cultures
- ❖ To follow up better with parishioners who wish to be involved
- ❖ To provide pilgrimages for parish groups to enjoy together
- ❖ To improve assignment of Ministers to the Sick to various facilities, in conjunction with neighboring parishes
 - To explain how Ministry to the Sick is set up in the region
- ❖ To develop a marketing and promotional plan for the parish and outreach to the city and community
- ❖ To increase window ministries and expand aid for the homeless
- ❖ To explore collaboration with nearby parishes for blended ministries and to promote them in all parishes
 - Prison and jail ministry
 - Charismatic groups
 - Special speakers, retreats
- ❖ To promote Pastoral Council mission, structure and membership