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Introducing our Pastoral Plan • Holy Family Catholic Parish, Randallstown • Issue #1

ARCHBISHOP APPROVES PASTORAL PLAN

With gratitude to God and to my fellow parishioners, I present our new *Pastoral Plan*. It has short-term and long-term goals to fulfill as we prepare to celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2026. Archbishop William E. Lori approved the *Pastoral Plan* on January 24, 2023.

The *Pastoral Plan* is in keeping with the mission of the universal Church, which is to: proclaim the Gospel of Christ, build the Church of Christ, make disciples of Christ, and have a positive impact in our communities in the name of Christ. Our *Mission Statement* summarizes it as helping people, "to believe in Christ, belong to His Church, and bless our communities."

PLANNING PROCESS BEGINS IN AUG 2019

The Pastoral Planning Team (PPT) included the Pastoral Staff, several members of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee, and the Corporators. The process began on August 19, 2019, with an orientation session for the PPT.

SACRED PURPOSE STATEMENT COMPOSED IN NOV 2019

On November 9, 2019, a Sacred Purpose Workshop was held with the PPT and several parishioners who are active in our ministries and organizations. Considering the experiences that made them grateful to belong to our parish, participants created themes to describe the impact of HFC on parishioners and others. A *Sacred Purpose Statement* was composed. The text is on the other side of this page.

PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM EXAMINES DATA

The PPT examined data about our parish and the communities in our parish boundaries. HFC is a growing intercultural community. However, the average age of registered parishioners is older and outreach to young adults and families with young children are needed. These two groups are the predominate demographic groups in the communities in our parish boundaries.

PANDEMIC BEGINS PROCESS RESUMES IN NOV 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the process was paused from March to November 2020. Then the short-term and long-term goals were created.

I thank the PPT and the Archdiocese of Baltimore Institute for Evangelization – Office of Parish Renewal for their work.

OUR PARISH HAS A PROMISING FUTURE

The Lord Jesus Christ is secure in His identity and steadfast in fulfilling His mission. Cooperating with the graces of Holy Baptism, we can be secure with our identity in Christ. We can be steadfast in fulfilling our mission from Christ.

HFC is a blessed community with a great history. We are determined to resume the growth that we had experienced in the four years before the COVID-19 pandemic began. This *Pastoral Plan* is a concrete expression that God has given our parish a promising future.

Father Raymond Harris
Pastor



NEXT STEPS INTRODUCING THE CORE MISSION PRIORITIES

This series of bulletin inserts will share the goals of the *Pastoral Plan*. The goals are noted in six Core Mission Priorities which correspond to the HFC *Mission Statement* (see below for the text).

Our Core Mission Priorities recast the focus of our efforts, so that we are forming ourselves and others into disciples who are “mission-ready” and actively engaged in personal and pastoral missionary conversion. They correspond to a path of discipleship that flows from and continually returns to the Eucharist as a means to grow ever closer to Christ. They also embody the hallmarks of an evangelizing, mission-focused parish.

March 18 & 19

Worship, Evangelization
and Faith Formation

March 25 & 26

Stewardship, Fellowship
and Service

April 15 & 16

Goals to be Implemented First

NEXT STEPS TOWN HALL MEETINGS



The *Pastoral Plan* has been approved. Father Harris has shared aspects of this plan in several preaching series during Holy Mass on The Lord’s Day. These goals should not be a surprise to parishioners.

Please read the bulletin inserts in preparation for two Town Hall Meetings scheduled to be held in April. The purpose of these meetings is to listen to your response and answer questions as HFC plans to implement the *Pastoral Plan*. Father Harris also wants to reactivate the Pastoral Council, which will monitor and evaluate how the *Pastoral Plan* is being implemented.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Parish Hall

April 18, 2023 | 9 AM – 10:30 AM

April 27, 2023 | 7 PM – 8:30 PM

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Family Parish is to help people to believe in Christ, to belong to His Church, and to bless our communities. We strive to fulfill our mission through worship, evangelization, faith formation, stewardship, fellowship, and service.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH Sacred Purpose Statement

To evangelize, welcome, encourage, inspire, and support with Christ as our model, so that all may be engaged in our church and community. We do this by being generous in sharing our faith and letting others know that we care