



**Saint John Fisher Catholic
Church**

Pastoral Plan 2019-2020

How This 2019 Plan Came to Be

The 2018-2019 Pastoral Planning Committee determined the best way to develop the next 5-Year Plan (which comprises 5-year goals and annual objectives) for St. John Fisher Catholic Church would be to start with an in-depth parish survey. A proper survey would provide an accurate assessment of our parishioners' views and thereby contribute to determining the best ways we can meet the needs of our faith community.

We began by seeking online a wide range of examples of other parishes' surveys, thinking we could adapt already tested questions. Among the online resources, we found a sample from CARA, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, a national, non-profit, Georgetown University affiliated research center that conducts social scientific studies about the Catholic Church. Considering CARA's demonstrated expertise, Msgr. Sork felt they could develop for us the most meaningful survey. For the next step, the Committee spent months poring over CARA's bank of more than 700 questions before settling on 102 that would best help our project. The in-pew survey participation rate was remarkable: 1260 parishioners participated in the spring of 2019.

As a bonus, CARA compared our results to those of all other surveyed parishes in their data base. Once CARA compiled and compared the results, we disseminated a four-page summary in the parish bulletin in July.

Through careful review of the CARA survey results and discernment, the Pastoral Planning Committee devised a set of 5-year goals and then, following from these goals, annual objectives to address what we see as the needs of our parish. The Pastoral Staff also worked on objectives (based on the same 5-year goals) from their perspective, and together we have coalesced the two efforts into the Goals and Objectives in this booklet.

Now the larger task can begin. For the Saint John Fisher Catholic Community to move forward on our faith journey, we need to work together. Please read this booklet as a call to action for all parishioners. Please pray over and discern ways you can best contribute to our achieving these Goals and Objectives, and consider either joining a ministry or creating a ministry with others who share your passion.

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2019 – 2020 Pastoral Plan

Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

Five-Year Goals

Outreach

We will reach out to inactive and prospective Catholics

Spiritual Growth

We will enable the spiritual growth of all parishioners

Warmth & Welcome

We will be perceived as a welcoming community

Youth & Young Adult Focus

We will strengthen the Catholic Identity and discipleship of youth and young adults

Increased Participation

We will encourage and enable all parishioners to share their gifts and talents

Help & Care For Those in Need

We will help and care for others in our parish, community, and world

2019-2020 Objectives

- 1. We will identify and reach out to formerly active parishioners of all ages.**
- 2. We will seek opportunities to witness at Mass in various ways to help make the Gospel come alive.**
- 3. We will support the implementation of Life Teen.**
- 4. We will support ministries and provide opportunities for their continued success by promoting volunteerism.**
- 5. We will improve our usage of social media to better enable all our goals.**
- 6. We will support the Parish Capital campaign.**
- 7. We will continue to review the CARA survey for parish insights and direction.**

How can you help?

Come to a Pastoral Council meeting! We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. All are welcome!

Can't make it to a meeting? E-mail the pastor, staff, or a Pastoral Council member with your comments. Our contact info is on the back page.

Volunteer! Share your time and talent by getting involved with any of Saint John Fisher's many ministries.

Come to events. We have many throughout the year: speakers, classes, concerts, films, family events...Saint John Fisher offers something for everyone!

Our Mission

Love God. Love all people. Make disciples.

Love God.

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Love all people.

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you shall also love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35)

Make disciples.

“Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Our Identity

At our baptism, we are called to a living, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our relationship with Christ is nourished in community, united in worship and prayer, and centered in the Eucharist.

As a community of disciples, we help one another discover our unique purpose in life, a work of love that only each of us can fulfill.

In response to the love God has shown us, we answer His call to proclaim the Gospel in all that we say and all that we do in our daily lives. In the spirit of Matthew 25:35-45, we especially show our love for Christ when we minister to those most in material and spiritual need in our families and society.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, as the living Body of Christ, we embrace our call, individually and collectively, to “go out and make disciples.”

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