MISSION SUPPORT

To support the mission of the parish, we are called to enact wise stewardship of the gifts God has given us.... making the mission of discipleship possible for generations to come.

We see... how Seek the City to Come can serve to help nurture pastorates that have struggled to form.

We know that... our history, legacy and the traditions of our parishes are our strength; but the need for more accessible spaces that are open to all is vital.

We recognize... that the deferred maintenance on our buildings can challenge a pastors' ability to focus on ministry; and that many of our parish buildings could serve to support the neighborhoods our parishes anchor.

We believe... that lay ministers and administrators can amplify the capacity of pastors, and that sister parishes can serve to unify personal relationships in our Church.

We understand... the financial struggles of our parishes and value financial transparency.

ONE MISSION.

ONE CHURCH.

YOUR COLLECTIVE VOICE MATTERS!

ONE IN CHRIST.

SEEK THE CITY TO COME (HEB 13:14)

SEEK THE CITY
A Call to Prayer

A Welcoming time to Reflect On
Faith, Fellowship & Feedback

Our core mission priorities are the guideposts in our faith that help us to more deeply embrace our purpose as missionary disciples. These pastoral goals are:

To Engage in prayer, worship, and sacramental life through the **LITURGY**

To **WELCOME** and embrace radical hospitality as Jesus did.

To **ENCOUNTER** others in their own spiritual journey. To see our Lord Jesus through ourselves and through each other.

To Walk with one another as missionary disciples that **ACCOMPANY** our brothers and sisters through the bumpy roads of life; helping them to grow spiritually and live the Gospel more fully through prayer, sacrament, faith formation and friendship!

To **SEND** forth and bring Christ to the world.

To enact wise stewardship of the gifts God has given us in strong **MISSION SUPPORT**.

LITURGY & WELCOMING

The Eucharist is the heart of every parish. Prayer, worship, sacraments and the Eucharistic LITURGY are our life! Through the Mass we are called and sent to continue the mission of Jesus. We WELCOME and embrace radical hospitality as Jesus did. Through our parish communities, Christ's light shines more brightly. Radical hospitality calls us to recognize that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

We see... LITURGY as a universal experience that celebrates our unique cultural identities.

We know that... events and activities outside of Mass bring people together. There are many ways to be welcoming.

We recognize... That transparency of history, whether it be good or bad is valuable in lessons learned from the past.

We believe... strongly in the liveliness, reverence, and inclusivity of our liturgy; and we are fueled by relatable homilies that connect us to Christ and each other, and how great song and powerful music can feed our souls with the Holy Spirit.

We understand... that personal invitation and follow-up can go a long way; as we strive to welcome and accept people for who they are: African American, Hispanics, elderly, youth, immigrants, LGBTQ+ and people on the margins.

ENCOUNTER & ACCOMPANIMENT

We are called to walk with one another as missionary disciples that ENCOUNTER and ACCOMPANY our brothers and sisters through the bumpy roads of life; helping them to grow spiritually and live the Gospel more fully through prayer, sacrament, faith formation and friendship! Jesus is alive and shines brightly at our core when we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit.

We see... how responding to the challenges in our City gives us opportunity to encounter, and that the hope of a renewed Church can give us more freedom to do the WORK as missionary disciples.

We know... that the Church isn't limited to Sunday, and that strong fellowship outside of Mass can lead to more focused youth engagement and adult faith formation.

We recognize... that collaboration between parishes is a great opportunity.

We believe... Strongly that the parishes' role is to bring people into relationship with Christ through the Eucharist and sacraments, and that our Church is a sanctuary to feed both body and soul.

We understand... that youth sports can take priority over Church, but we remain committed to the investment and outreach to our youth and young adults who are our hope and our future.

SENDING

Sending means bringing Christ to the world, living out missionary discipleship, and serving the poor and those in need.

We see... how partnerships succeed when we work with neighbors to address their needs.

We know... that when we ensure safety, reduce poverty, and create cleaner environments in our City and communities, it bears fruit.

We recognize... that education creates opportunities to evangelize and bear fruit through our families.

We believe... that Racial Justice is fundamental to unity, and that outreach and organized advocacy is our responsibility to address the inequities of our communities, building relationships and breaking down barriers

We understand... that our core parish volunteers are doing most of the work, and need the help and strong support of successors in order to keep the flame of mission ignited.