



## Disciples in Action: Deepening Faith and Service to Others

### A Pastoral Plan for the London North Central Family of Parishes

**Preamble:** In the pursuit of our parish family's spiritual growth and rooted in the goals of the Pastoral Plan of the Diocese of London, the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes presents this Parish Plan. This plan serves as a living document, continuously evolving to meet the needs of our parishioners. It is our commitment that any new initiatives adhere to the guiding principles outlined within this plan, ensuring unity of purpose and fidelity to our shared mission. As living signs of Christ's presence, we embrace the call to enrich our community through service, discipleship, and the promotion of God's kingdom on earth.

Diocesan Goals	Our Objectives	Our Plan
<p>1. As living signs of Christ's presence, we will respond to the call to personal holiness given to all by committing ourselves to opportunities for ongoing conversion and spiritual renewal.</p>	<p>To foster and maintain ongoing conversion and spiritual renewal that deepens one's relationship with Christ.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver events to deepen our faith and commitment to personal holiness, including Missions, workshops, retreats, or speaker events.</li> <li>• Deliver catechesis to all age groups including the usage of online resources such as               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Formed</i></li> <li>○ Scripture study through Ascension Press</li> <li>○ Faith formation workshops from the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Eucharistic Adoration</li> <li>• Encouraging participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation by promoting its importance in spiritual renewal</li> <li>• Sacramental Preparation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Baptism</li> <li>○ 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation &amp; Communion</li> <li>○ Confirmation</li> <li>○ Marriage Preparation</li> <li>○ RCIA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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<p>2. Called by Christ, we will evangelize through the clear proclamation of the Gospel and the constant teaching of the Catholic faith, assuring that such proclamation and teaching is linked to the life experience of the people.</p>	<p>To actively express our faith within our parish and community by engaging in service, evangelization, and growing as disciples of Christ.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and grow our Ministries, including Ministry Fair, brochure, welcome desk</li> <li>• Deliver catechesis to all age groups including the usage of online resources such as             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Formed</i></li> <li>○ Scripture study through Ascension Press</li> <li>○ Faith formation workshops from the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Deliver Parish Missions, retreats, workshops or speaker events to foster discipleship, promote evangelization, and engage Catholics and others in discussions about our faith</li> <li>• Establishment of a Social Committee to facilitate community building activities, such as Cathedral Café</li> <li>• Sacramental Preparation:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Baptism</li> <li>○ 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation &amp; Communion</li> <li>○ Confirmation</li> <li>○ Marriage Preparation</li> <li>○ RCIA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ministry to Schools</li> <li>• Support youth and young adults</li> </ul>



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<p>3. With our sights set on the mission of Jesus, we will minister with justice and compassion to the wounded, the searching, the entrapped and those in material and spiritual need.</p>	<p>To support and grow our ministries dedicated to aiding the marginalized, demonstrating the love of Jesus to all through our spoken and lived expressions of faith.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feeding the Hungry, and other parish outreach               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hospitality North,</li> <li>○ Food Drives</li> <li>○ Society of St Vincent de Paul</li> <li>○ Knights of Columbus</li> <li>○ Catholic Women’s League</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Supporting Seniors               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ministry to Shut-ins &amp; Nursing Homes</li> <li>○ Seniors on the Move</li> <li>○ Young at Heart Cards</li> <li>○ Yarning with Love</li> <li>○ Prayer Shawl Ministry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Supporting youth and young adults</li> <li>• Supporting our schools               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Knights of Columbus winter outer wear</li> <li>○ Back to School supplies</li> <li>○ Food drive for schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Social Justice (Refugee, D&amp;P)</li> </ul>



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<p>4. As the Body of Christ, formed by word and sacrament, we will make provision for meaningful liturgical celebrations in our parish communities to ensure full, conscious and active participation by all.</p>	<p>To engage in meaningful liturgical celebrations that facilitate evangelization and cultivate a strong sense of inclusion and community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and grow our Liturgical Ministries, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hospitality,</li> <li>○ Altar Servers and Sacristans</li> <li>○ Music Ministry,</li> <li>○ Lectors,</li> <li>○ Communion Ministry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sacramental Preparation:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Baptism,</li> <li>○ 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation &amp; Communion,</li> <li>○ Confirmation,</li> <li>○ Marriage Preparation,</li> <li>○ RCIA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Establishment of a Social Committee to facilitate community building activities, such as Cathedral Café, parish picnic</li> <li>• Music before Mass, eg organ or piano</li> <li>• Eucharistic adoration</li> <li>• Rosary after weekday Masses</li> <li>• Acknowledging milestone wedding anniversaries in month of February</li> </ul>



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<p>5. Inviting all to co-responsible ministry, we will encourage and support the ongoing formation of laity, religious and ordained.</p>	<p>Promote and facilitate continued growth in faith and spiritual development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver catechesis to all age groups including the usage of online resources such as               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Formed</i></li> <li>○ Scripture study through Ascension Press</li> <li>○ Faith formation workshops from the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Deliver Parish Missions, retreats, workshops or speaker events to grow our faith and nurture spiritual development.</li> <li>• Liturgy of the Word for Children</li> </ul>
<p>6. Imitating Christ the servant-leader, we will employ and model governance practices at all levels that seek to: meet the needs of God's people, support the Church's mission, ensure appropriate participation in decision-making by the laity, religious and ordained, uphold Gospel stewardship, and promote accountability and transparency.</p>	<p>Maintain a culture of good governance, accountability, and transparency.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve the parish community with integrity at all levels, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Finance Committee</li> <li>○ Parish Pastoral Council</li> <li>○ Building &amp; Maintenance Committee</li> <li>○ Pastoral team and staff</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Effective and transparent communications               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Financial reporting</li> <li>○ Weekly bulletins, and announcements</li> <li>○ Website and Social Media</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Inviting input and feedback from parishioners</li> </ul>