

Our Lady of the Assumption Church



2018 - 2021 Vibrant Parish Pastoral Plan



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Dear OLA Parishioners,

According to church law and sound organizational management, we are obligated to periodically develop a Pastoral Plan. After a year in the planning stage and after receiving comment and review from our fellow parishioners, the 2018-21 Vibrant Parish Pastoral Plan is presented to you by the Strategic Planning Committee of the Pastoral Council.

Our intent was to provide you with a concise, ambitious, yet realistic Plan. As you will see, in the past year or so, while working on the Plan, some of our goals and objectives have been completed, others have just started, and still others need to commence. Rest assured, we will continue to monitor progress and hold ourselves accountable to implement the Plan.

We hope you will volunteer to serve on any of our many standing committees or ministries and/or on any of the committees formed in direct support of the Pastoral Plan. A more vibrant parish will become a reality if we humbly and prayerfully participate.

Yours in Christ, on behalf of the Pastoral Council and Strategic Planning Committee,

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OLA PASTORAL PLAN

2018 - 2021

Mission: Love and Serve God • Love and Serve One Another

Vision: By 2021, Our Lady of the Assumption will be one of the Sacramento area's renowned and vibrant parishes

Goal 1. Substantially Increase Parish Membership

Objective 1.1 Accommodate Young Families

- Provide infant childcare at 9:30 am Sunday masses *
- Provide Liturgy of the Word for young children at 9:30 and 11:00 am Sunday masses *
- Expand Summer Bible School into a full summer program

Objective 1.2 Reach Out to Disenfranchised Parishioners, Other Catholics and Non-Catholics

- Develop ministries for people suffering from divorce, addiction, physical pain, etc.**
- Explore needs of non-English speaking communities

Objective 1.3 Increase Discipleship and Promote Prayer

- Develop weekly Bible studies and other small group prayer opportunities**
- Develop Monthly "Evenings of Reflection" with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
- Promote and participate in annual 2-3 day OLA parish retreats **
- Develop and promote quarterly half-day parish retreats

Completed *
In Progress**

Objective 1.4 Install Greeters at Mass

- Develop “Greeter” Team
- Train the Greeters
- Develop Greeter Schedule

Objective 1.5 Establish Periodic Speaker/Music Series**

Objective 1.6 Create Welcome Banners **

- Create seasonal welcome banners and post at church entrances

Objective 1.7 Develop and Maintain Ministries for All Age Groups**

- Inventory current ministries, determine needs, and determine if new ministries need to be created.

Goal 2. Nurture Children and Youth

Objective 2.1 Establish Consistent, Timely Communication and Cooperation between the Parish and the School

- Develop joint meeting of subcommittees from the Catholic School Advisory Commission/Parent Teacher Group and Pastoral Council to meet three times a year **
- Revise Pastoral Council bylaws to explicitly include members chosen by the school **

Objective 2.2 Support and Help Grow Child and Youth Ministry Activities

- Develop Sunday “Life Teen Mass” **
- Create second periodic collections at Mass for youth ministries **
- Create a parish-wide committee to develop plans and raise funds for attendance at On Fire NorCal Jam (September 2018) and/or Life Teen Steubenville West (July 2018) **
- Create a parish-wide committee to develop plans and raise funds for attendance at World Youth Day (January 22-27, 2019) **

Completed *
In Progress**

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Objective 2.3 Reach Out to Disenfranchised Catholic and Non-Catholic Youth

- Develop “Life Teen” program at local high schools **
- Develop “Edge” programs at local middle schools **

Goal 3. Increase Activity and Participation in Ministries

Objective 3.1 Develop Successful Ministry Fair

- Work with staff to rethink and/or reconfigure ministry fair

Objective 3.2 Increase Services to the Homeless and Poor

- Participate in annual Carmichael Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) “Winter Sanctuary” **
- Make available to the homeless information about resources in the area **

Goal 4. Update and Renovate the Physical Plant

Objective 4.1 Build a New Hall and Re-purpose the Parish Hall

- Secure start-up funds *
- Develop capital campaign to secure remaining funds **

Objective 4.2 Develop a Sunday Café

- Determine feasibility of opening a temporary site
- Include Sunday Café in the plans to build a new hall

Goal 5. Ensure the Continued Safety of the OLA Community and the Physical Plant

- Conduct a third-party professional review(s) of parish protocols and the physical plant
- Use review to determine next steps

Completed *
In Progress**



Goal 6. Review and Update “Marketing” Material and Communication Strategies

- Revise and upgrade the parish website **
- Revise and update the Sunday Bulletin **
- Develop a strategy for the use of social media (e.g., Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, FlockNote, etc.)

Completed *
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