



Catholic Diocese *of* Memphis

Strategic Pastoral Plan *Living the Anointed Life* **2025-2027**

Our Vision

To live a Christ-centered fellowship of love, on fire with the love of God and neighbor, to see individuals, families, parishes, and our schools working together to build up the Kingdom of God in West Tennessee.

Our Mission

Living the anointed life in Word and Sacrament.

Our Priorities

Eucharistic Life: Living a life of prayer, worship, and thanksgiving, and celebrating the Sacraments of Christ with reverence and fervor, born of the Holy Spirit's presence within us.

- **Year 1:** Increase communal opportunities to pray our Catholic devotionals, especially Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, and the Stations of the Cross.
- **Year 2:** Emphasize Catholic devotionals through new opportunities for our families, assisting and forming the domestic church in the Sacramental presence of Christ.
- **Year 3:** Prepare for our next diocesan-wide Eucharistic Congress in our 46 parishes and 13 Catholic schools.
 - **Scripture:** Acts 2, Ephesians 1:3-14, 4:5-6
 - **Catechism of the Catholic Church:** 1271, 2031, 1996-2000

Formation: In the fruitfulness of Eucharistic Life, we commit ourselves and our families to lifelong formation in the apostolic traditions of our faith.

- **Year 1:** Create weekly opportunities for on-going faith formation of adults, teens, and children in our 46 parishes and 13 Catholic schools.
- **Year 2:** Provide formation for parish and school leaders on best practices of evangelization that create pathways for missionary discipleship.
- **Year 3:** Implement these newly found pathways of formation within missionary discipleship as integral to parish and school life.
 - **Scripture:** John 1:18; John 14:6; John 15:5
 - **Catechism of the Catholic Church:** 1785, 2685, 2221

Evangelization: Born of a Eucharistic Life, we will proclaim the Good News to all in every part of West Tennessee.

- **Year 1:** Strengthen the understanding of missionary discipleship of our Risen Lord, and how this speaks to evangelization in our families, schools, and parishes.
- **Year 2:** Create and implement programs that integrate evangelization into the life of our parishes and schools.
- **Year 3:** Invite and accompany neighbors to join our community of faith.
 - **Scripture:** Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 1:35-38; Luke 4:42-44
 - **Catechism of the Catholic Church:** 863, 864, 865

Unity: Revealed through our Eucharistic Life, we, though many, are one Body of Christ.

- **Year 1:** Compare and contrast secular notions of “diversity” with the diversity seen in the Body of Christ.
- **Year 2:** Implement activities in our parishes and schools that underscore the rich diversity seen in all who are created in the image and likeness of God.
- **Year 3:** Assess and continually renew our response to Christ’s call for unity.
 - **Scripture:** John 17: 20-23; 1 Corinthians 12-31; 1 John 4:16, 19-21
 - **Catechism of the Catholic Church:** 361

Steeped in Mercy: Bound through our Eucharistic Life, we follow the Lord Jesus in sharing sacrificially, especially with the least, and the last, and the lost.

- **Year 1:** Create parish-based resources and processes to care for those seeking mercy within your community.
- **Year 2:** Develop relationships with other Christian churches in your parish area to deepen resources in the care of the Lord’s poor.
- **Year 3:** Give voice to those ministries who are doers of the Word in our on-going formation and all aspects of living the anointed life.
 - **Scripture:** Matthew 5:1-12; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 10:29-37; James 1: 22-25; James 2:14-17
 - **Catechism of the Catholic Church:** 1397

Stewardship: We manifest the Eucharistic Life through our generous and intentional stewardship of all God’s gifts.

- **Year 1:** Develop a “spirituality of stewardship” within families, our schools, and parish organizations.
- **Year 2:** Form parish-level leadership to embody the call to a “spirituality of stewardship” in the use of our time, the talents we are given, and the treasure we offer.
- **Year 3:** Magnify the fruitfulness of a “spirituality of stewardship,” recognizing God’s abundant generosity in both family and parish life.
 - **Scripture:** Luke 9:12-17; Luke 21:1-4; 1 Peter 4:10; John 10:10
 - **Catechism of the Catholic Church:** 1832