

**Diocese of San Diego**  
**OUR MISSION**

**PASTORAL PRIORITIES**  
**2006-2010**

*Addressing effectively these pastoral priorities requires first and foremost a renewed commitment by all in the Church to enthusiastically embrace the mission of Christ. This includes individuals, families, parishes and other faith communities, Catholic institutions and agencies, organizations and movements.*

- I. **Emphasizing the Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist**      *Click for DPC Input 10/11/2008*
- toward keeping holy the Lord's Day;
  - respecting diverse cultures;
  - leading to living a Christian life.
- II. **Fostering Evangelization & Systematic Catechesis for All Ages**      *Click for DPC Input 2/21/2009*
- based within and promoting our Catholic culture;
  - beyond generic Christianity and including Sacred Scripture, the Creed and Tradition;
  - utilizing inspiring witnesses;
  - making faith formation relevant and the foundation for living out the moral and social imperatives of our faith;
  - using “discipling” as the radical methodology;
  - embracing those baptized but uncatechized and ecclesially non-engaged (unchurched);
  - emphasizing adult faith formation.
- III. **Strengthening Marriage & Family Life**
- based upon the plan of God and teaching of the Church;
  - with marriage preparation which prepares engaged couples for mature commitment, addresses family of origin issues, and utilizes the help of mentoring couples;
  - including programs for young marrieds and newly parenting couples which anticipate and address challenges;
  - offering enrichment opportunities and promoting family practices and traditions.

#### **IV. Building a Culture of Life**

- promoting human life and dignity;
- encouraging the development in every parish of an integrated program of social ministry based on the principles and values of Catholic social teaching;
- fostering and funding systems of collaboration which will allow the Church to make a difference in the world.

#### **V. Engaging Youth & Young Adults**

- responding to them within their culture and integrating them within the Church;
- activating clergy and parish leadership to be part of the process;
- taking advantage of good youth movements.

#### **VI. Promoting Priestly & Religious Vocations**

- within a culture of vocations;
- with priests and religious as inviters.

#### **VII. Embracing Cultural Diversity**

- respecting cultural differences while striving for unity within every faith community;
- ensuring the inclusion of different cultures in every aspect of parish life and guaranteeing fairness in responding to the needs and desires of all.

#### **VIII. Calling & Equipping Lay People for Shared Responsibility & Collaborative Ministry**

- within every parish, among neighboring parishes and diocesan-wide;
- requiring formation programs for lay administrators and lay ecclesial ministers.