

Our Basilica Parish Mission

- Continue the saving mission of Jesus Christ within and outside the church: proclaiming the Word of God; celebrating the sacraments and being in communion with one another as disciples of the Lord
- Unite members and visitors as part of the Mystical Body of Christ and provide the means to encounter, love and serve God and to be with Him forever in heaven
- Help us to sanctify our daily lives

As a Parish, we value ...

- God's divine mercy and the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit
- Nourishing orthodoxy with the teachings of the pope and bishops, scripture and liturgy, such as teachings about human life at all ages and stages
- Communion and unity as Catholics within one large, 150 year-old community of sincerely shared faith; and as part of a greater Archdiocese of Ottawa and a global church
- That our Basilica - in confusing times - offers one sure means to behold unchangeable truth
- Seeking the highest quality of service to God through integrity, beauty and excellence

We are a closely connected community of Catholics

- Varied kinds of work and economic circumstance, including the poor
- All ages and stages of life: all are included, all invited, from all perspectives
- Newer and long established Catholics, many with Irish roots and lengthy family ties
- People who seek the traditional liturgy offered at Saint Patrick's
- English-speaking and English as a second language
- Deeply faithful, and less deeply faithful; converts and those joining
- Physically and intellectually challenged or with mental health conditions
- Weekday parishioners from other parishes who also have a sense of belonging to Saint Patrick's unique urban center

Our Parish offers ...

- To serve the needs of our members for a personal relationship with Christ
- To form disciples who joyfully commit to Christ's mission
- Staff and volunteers, physical working space, and financial soundness to serve God, learn and grow
- Ready access to the sacraments including confession
- Talks and seminars about our faith

We aspire to excel at ...

- Making a clear proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the witness of our prayer and community life
- Growing in faith and in fraternal concern for each other including the poor
- Fostering Catholic culture and tradition
- Being readily available when the faithful need community, emotional and social support

About our future ...

The Canadian political establishment has adopted a socially progressive, even permissive, agenda which runs contrary to Natural Law as found in the Ten Commandments. There is a concern that when tolerance becomes the supreme virtue, the ability to hold and to proclaim the requirements of Natural Law becomes increasingly difficult.

- We should hesitate with our predictions, knowing nothing is for sure (Cardinal Ratzinger)
- We understand that living a Christian life may cause us to appear countercultural and even to become socially excluded
- We need to emphasize the importance of the teachings of the pope and bishops, the liturgy and the sacraments

- We seek to make our parish members prophetic voices in the heart of Ottawa - announcing with clarity and charity the teachings of Gospel values
- We are in a post-Christian era and are called to re-evangelize society by proclaiming essential values which support individual dignity and well-being, and institutions such as marriage and family
- The more we know (technologically, scientifically, etc) the more we need to know and trust God
- The past, present, and future are God's making. He enables us to exist within them
- We need to be a shining light of truth, directing all questions to the only truth, Jesus Christ

Parish Pastoral Council Organizational Priorities

1. Ensuring our church fully supports parishioners' spiritual journey
2. Offering strong doctrinal knowledge
3. Encouraging the joyful giving of volunteer time
4. Inspiring youth with truth in doctrine and virtues
5. Supporting parents' faith education of their children
6. Leading outreach to the needy
7. Building confidence in Catholic guidance to answer political and cultural issues

St. Patrick Missioning Prayer

O God,
 You sent your blessed servant Saint Patrick,
 to teach and sanctify the people of Ireland.
 You gave our Patron
 A loving heart like Your own.
 You filled him with great faith
 and a burning desire
 to work for Your Kingdom.
 Grant to us, through his intercession,
 a lively faith, constant hope and
 a firm will to build Your Kingdom
 in our time and place.
 Through Christ our Lord.
 AMEN



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