

Our Mother of Consolation Parish

Pastoral Plan 2015

160 Years of Ministry in Chestnut Hill
1855-2015



Parish Mission Statement

Nourished by the Word and Eucharist, we, the members of Our Mother of Consolation Parish, strive to create a vital, welcoming Catholic faith community that embraces each person. Acknowledging our blessings and supporting one another, we humbly serve the needs of God's people and work to be the presence of Christ in our world.

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

“. . . I have for you, declares the Lord, . . .

plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Inspired by the feast of Pentecost, and entrusted by the parish community in the ministry of leadership, the Parish Pastoral Council presents this Pastoral Plan for Our Mother of Consolation Parish. These visions and goals embody our future to be a vital parish that builds community in our parish, our neighborhood, and our world.

CREATION

The 2015 OMC Parish Pastoral Plan sets forth the visions and goals for OMC Parish for the next three to five years. This pastoral plan was created by reviewing the prior plan published in 2009 and focusing on the seven characteristics of a vital parish provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We built on that foundation with our parish-wide reading of *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter*, and our Pentecost request for ideas inspired by that reading. We supplemented this with weekly listening sessions during which parishioners provided feedback and suggestions.

EXPLANATION

Visions and Goals: The “visions”— speak to the big picture, to our dreams and aspirations. The “goals” are more tangible -- measurable things that we can do to make the vision living and real. The Parish Pastoral Council is tasked with implementing this plan over the next few years.

INVITATION

We invite you to join us! This pastoral plan abounds with opportunities to be generous with your time and your talent. None of us can do every good thing suggested in this plan, but all of us can do something, for God is with us and we have each other. Please read this prayerfully and generously consider where God might be calling you to share your talent.

As you read and pray over this plan, we hope your heart will leap at one point or another, and that you will feel the Spirit suggesting how you can help. There is a role for you. Together we can all do something beautiful for God.

Sincerely,
The Parish Pastoral Council

Worship: *OMC will be a parish that strives for full, active, and conscious participation in Worship by all.*

- † Establish a Worship Committee.
- † Make Worship accessible to all, including those persons with disabilities.

Faith Formation: *OMC will foster an atmosphere for ongoing individual and communal faith formation.*

- † Establish an Advisory Board charged with planning and implementing a parish-wide faith formation program.
- † Establish Small Communities of Faith.
- † Establish a Teen Ministry.

Service: *OMC will witness to charity, love, peace, and justice through action.*

- † Establish a Parish Service Coordinator.
- † Support and strengthen the Peace and Justice Ministry.
- † Increase parish participation in service projects.

Community: *OMC will strive to be open, welcoming, and relevant to all.*

- † Establish a Welcoming Ministry.
- † Establish a media team to improve the parish website and use of other technology, as well as the bulletin, in order to communicate with and among parishioners and the community at large.
- † Improve physical space for community gatherings.

Leadership: *OMC will empower parishioners to live out their baptismal calling through parish leadership.*

- † Establish a Council of Ministries.
- † Educate parishioners regarding the need for lay leadership.
- † Provide training for those called to leadership.
- † Fill leadership positions needed in the parish.

Stewardship: *OMC will foster a spirituality of giving through offerings of time, talent, and treasure.*

- † Become a stewardship parish

Evangelization: *OMC will strive to live and spread the Gospel within and beyond the parish community.*

- † Develop a common parish understanding of evangelization
- † Provide outreach to the alienated and inactive Catholics, as well as to non-Catholics.

Acknowledgements

Parish pastoral planning is an important, time-consuming process, which gives vision and direction to the life of the parish. This revision of our parish pastoral plan is the result of two years of research, listening, and discussion based on your input. Thank you for your suggestions and continued prayer throughout the process. The writing of the plan was the easy part, now we must work together as a parish community to give life to our visions.

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May our God, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to fruition.

In de Sales



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