

Pastor's Intent

Problem Statement

How can the parish best enable people to live their vocation to make disciples in today's fragmented and morally confused society?

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Holy Apostles parish focuses all activities and energies on building a culture of discipleship where parishioners *encounter Christ* through prayer and sacrament and *make disciples* through authentic friendships and lives of apostolic service.

Key Goals for Individual Parishioners

- Grow in divine intimacy through prayer and sacraments
- Intentionally build authentic friendships with a few individuals to share life with
- Invest faithfully in those friends to bring about spiritual multiplication

Key Tasks for Parish Staff

- Focus activities on
 - 1) facilitating *encounters with Christ* that lead to deeper conversion of heart
Ensure high quality opportunities to:
 - a) Receive the Kerygma and develop Christian maturity
 - b) pray, grow in prayer, and receive the sacraments
 - 2) progressive formation that mobilizes the laity for the mission of *making disciples*
 - a) Teach the treasures of Catholic faith and how we live them as disciples
 - b) Enable apostolates with meeting spaces, finances, advertisement, etc.
- Offer a clear path for people of every circumstance to progress from an initial encounter with Jesus Christ to a mature disciple of Christ

Signs of a Culture of Discipleship

- Holy Apostles parishioners
 - recognize their co-responsibility for the life and health of the Church
 - warmly and sincerely engage each other at the parish and throughout the week
 - learn from each other how to live the principles of discipleship daily
 - prayerfully discern together how the Lord calls them to steward their gifts for others
- Unfamiliar faces
 - feel at home thanks to caring parishioners
 - are inspired to pursue the Lord through prayer and sacrament
 - experience the transcendent beauty of the Church at prayer
 - witness a profound joy in those following Christ
- Parish leadership
 - prioritizes collaboration toward a wholistic culture over additional programs

End State

The culture of discipleship at Holy Apostles is a "saint making factory" whose members go on to build up the Universal Church wherever they go.