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2010 Parish Plan

Our Parish Mission Statement

The Catholic Community of St. Mary of the Annunciation accepts as its mission the call to evangelization and outreach and to foster a vibrant and welcoming community that is rooted in the Eucharist and the sacred tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.

Through our active participation in the priesthood of the faithful and a responsible stewardship of all God's gifts, we are committed to responsibly and compassionately living out the Gospel in our homes, work and society.

2009 – Abundant Hope expands to Catholics Come Home

In 2008 we launched Abundant Hope, our parish vision for the future. 2009 saw continued focus on the Abundant Hope mission and a range of new initiatives. We saw the development of the new Frassati Catholic Academy and our continuing commitment to lifelong Catholic learning. We came together to develop improved lines of communication as a response to the Catholics Come Home initiative. Overall, we accomplished much:

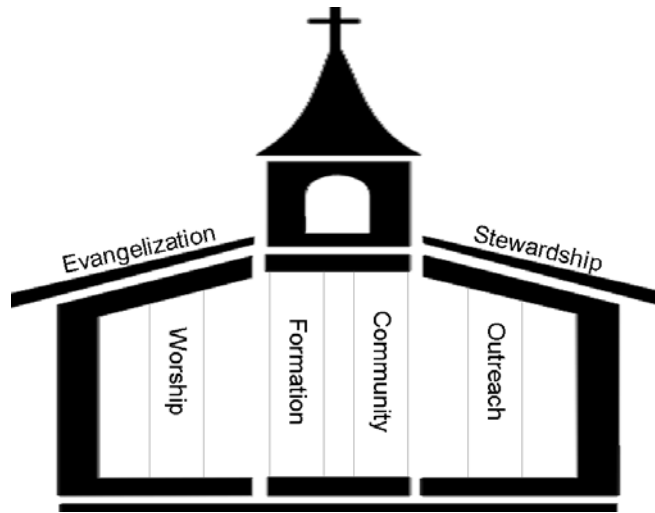
- ◆ Catholics Come Home initiative kept our concentration on expanding our Abundant Hope mission outward
- ◆ Various formation activities (such as the Matthew Kelly talk) kept the spirit of Abundant Hope alive in the Parish and increased focus on all ages
- ◆ Teens added to Pastoral Council
- ◆ Pillar-based ministry fairs held fall 2009
- ◆ Sunday registration increased convenience and ease of new parishioner registration

Abundant Hope and Catholics Come Home in 2010

Abundant Hope expands outwards in 2010. The Catholics Come Home campaign will continue to spur us to reach out to others in our Parish and beyond. We have already seen a response to this campaign and look forward to more positive results.

We have over sixty active ministries at St. Mary!

The Four Pillars of our Ministries are:
Worship, Formation, Community & Outreach



✦ **Worship Pillar**

Sacristan Ministry ✦ Lectors ✦ Ministry of the Rosary ✦ Ministry of Praise
Altar Servers ✦ Sanctuary Saints ✦ Ushers and Greeters ✦ Wedding Coordinators
Art & Environment ✦ Liturgy Committee ✦ Music Ministry ✦ Eucharistic Ministers
Eucharistic Adoration ✦ Ministers of Care ✦ RCIA ✦ Children's Liturgy of the Word

2009 Accomplishments

Increased range of musical experiences with the Family Mass choir participating at 9:30 Mass during the summer. Increased coordination between Family Mass choir and Music Director. Began exploring the idea of an occasional evening Teen Mass. Funeral Liturgy support increased with reestablishment of Bereavement Ministry. Creation of Rosary Ministry. Coordination of Hospitality with Family Mass weekend. Recruited more altar servers last year.

Focus Areas for 2010:

- ◆ Continue developing new liturgical musical experiences
- ◆ Continue looking into possibilities for a Teen Mass
- ◆ Continue to have talks that help parishioners understand and benefit from the liturgy
- ◆ Consider editing and revising the art and architecture brochure
- ◆ Broaden age range of altar servers due to Frassati Catholic Academy students being off campus

✦ Formation Pillar

Vacation Bible School ✦ Cursillo ✦ Disciples in Mission
Couples for Christ ✦ Lending Library ✦ Adult/Children's Catechumenate
St. Mary School ✦ Religious Education Program (REP) ✦ Little Rock Bible Study
Women's Faith Sharing/Mary's Circle ✦ Adult Education ✦ Fellowship of St. Joseph
Marriage Preparation (FOCCUS) ✦ Baptismal Preparation ✦ Sacramental Preparation

2009 Accomplishments:

A major highlight is the creation of Frassati Catholic Academy, the regional Catholic middle school. Held "walk-through" of the Mass and many other faith formation events through the Adult Education ministry (series on the Book of Revelation, Matthew Kelly talk, Healthcare Forum, Middle Eastern Forum, etc.). Continued strong REP program. Began participation in Faith Path 2009.

Focus Areas for 2010:

- ◆ Hold another "walk-through" of the Mass session
 - ◆ Monitor Frassati Catholic Academy transition, development, and progress
 - ◆ Build on Catholics Come Home mission through more formation activities such as What do Catholics Believe about Scripture? forum and others
 - ◆ Monitor progress at St. Mary School. Coordinate with school community to look at ways to encourage enrollment and improve general financial picture
 - ◆ Continue to bring in well-known speakers for Catholic faith formation
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✦ Community Pillar

Hospitality Weekend ✦ Website/Communications ✦ Marriage Enrichment
St. Mary's Seniors ✦ Mass Childcare ✦ Teen Ministry ✦ Simbang Gabi
Scouting ✦ Social Ministry ✦ Women's Club ✦ Parish History & Archives
Mother/Daughter Tea ✦ Ladies Tea ✦ Bereavement Ministry ✦ Funeral Luncheons
Challenge for Girls ✦ Welcoming Committee ✦ Pork & Corn Roast ✦ Moms & Tots

2009 Accomplishments

A new Social Ministry was established, including a successful tailgate event in the fall. The Communications Ministry was reestablished including developing new materials, Welcome Table, new website and press release template. New Pork & Corn Roast Saturday format was a success. The athletic fields were developed with lights and used for Pork & Corn Roast and Soccer. The Bereavement Ministry was reestablished. The Moms & Tots Ministry continues to expand. Teen Ministry finalized mission statement and logo and documented accomplishments for 2009 and goals for 2010.

Focus Areas for 2010:

- ◆ Make Welcome Table a permanent fixture in the Narthex as a continuation of our Catholics Come Home mission
- ◆ Increase Teens' participation in Pork & Corn Roast and other Parish events
- ◆ Establish more Teen outreach to other youth ministry groups (especially Transfiguration and Santa Maria parishes)
- ◆ Continue to try to integrate more ethnic groups into the Parish and Ministry leadership

✦ Outreach Pillar

PADS ✦ St. Vincent DePaul ✦ Mission Director
Respect Life ✦ Meals for Families (Angels on Wheels)
Sharing Parish (Most Blessed Trinity) ✦ Career Transition

2009 Accomplishments:

Made progress focusing on communicating the great work happening within our Outreach Ministries. Increased programs and activities with Sharing Parish. Improved awareness and participation in our larger outreach ministries of PADS and St. Vincent DePaul. Expanded service of Angels on Wheels and Career Transition with use of the LinkedIn network. Ongoing events and campaigns with Respect Life. Continued cross-ministry meetings to increase sharing and communication between our Outreach Ministries.

Focus Areas for 2010:

- ◆ Continue to expand our working relationship with our Sharing Parish
- ◆ Identify new and more frequent communications regarding our Outreach ministries, accomplishments, and priorities
- ◆ Identify additional opportunities to incorporate our Outreach ministries in Parish events (e.g. Pork & Corn Roast)
- ◆ Provide information and awareness of Outreach efforts/organizations that exist beyond our Parish – as opportunities for service or support
- ◆ Determine what's next for Career Transition and Mission Director ministries

This Plan has been developed as the Pastoral Council's working agenda for 2010, and it is our hope that it reflects the shared vision of our parishioners. Please contact any of the Pastoral Council members for more information or to express your readiness to help us meet these goals with your active participation.

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Parish Website: www.stmaryfc.org

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Abundant Hope: www.stmaryabundanthope.org