



Key Messages about the Diocese of St. Petersburg's Mutually Shared Vision:

COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

Related Scripture: "Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong." 1Corinthians 16:13

The Mutually Shared Vision reflects the voices of people from all walks of life who have participated in listening sessions and other gatherings with Bishop Parkes and submitted online surveys during 2017.

As a Diocese, we place our trust in the Holy Spirit's providence and assistance by recognizing that the Mutually Shared Vision has been discerned through prayer and reflection.

The Mutually Shared Vision provides clarity on what are the most pressing needs in our Church at this time and how the Diocese of St. Petersburg can address those needs.

The Mutually Shared Vision unites the Catholic Church in the Diocese of St. Petersburg with a common purpose.

All parishes, schools, ministries, entities, families and individuals are invited to learn about our Mutually Shared Vision and reflect on how to apply it to their lives.

Over the coming months, resources will be developed and distributed to assist our community to implement the Mutually Shared Vision.

The Mutually Shared Vision is summarized in four words that bring all aspects of our Catholic faith into alignment:
Courageously Living the Gospel.

The Mutually Shared Vision describes the sacred purpose for the Diocese of St. Petersburg:

We, the Catholic Diocese of St Petersburg, are a joyful community of disciples proclaiming the Good News and inviting all people to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

The Mutually Shared Vision includes three priorities that are the primary focus of all that we do as Catholics.

Proclaim: Knowing and sharing the Gospel of Jesus

Invite: Welcoming and accompanying others as Jesus did

Encounter: Growing in relationship to Jesus and one another

The Mutually Shared Vision includes nine goals to achieve within the next three years in areas that have been identified by our Catholic community as having the highest need: Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Evangelization and Social Justice.

The nine goals are mission-oriented to inspire in each heart a "constant desire to go forth" (Joy of the Gospel) and elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself. The goals also foster new paths of collaboration between parishes, schools, ministries and all of the faithful.

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