



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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VISION

Community of love

That St Joseph's become a vibrant parish where all the parishioners feel loved. Love manifests itself in various forms: Acceptance, concern, understanding, sacrifice, freedom, unity, mutual support, generosity and esteem. "Only by love everybody will know that you are my disciples" (Jn 13:35). For this:

- Striving to know each other with due respect and discretion.
- Making small communities based on the locality within the parish with a representative who can be a mediator between the parish and the families. This is aimed at the goal that no one in the parish is abandoned.
- Visiting families of those who wish at a convenient time.
- Including those who are not yet registered in the parish census.

Community of identity and belongingness

That St Joseph's become a family where a person feels his/her belongingness and identity as a parishioner. There is a yearning in everyone to belong to someone or somewhere. Belongingness is not only a question of identity, but co-responsibility. For this:

- Making oneself available for the life/activity of the parish.
- Participation in the liturgical celebrations/functions of the parish.
- Joining as volunteers in different groups/activities.

Community of growth/learning

That St Joseph's provide the necessary ingredients for growth. Talents are to be recognized and valued in the parish. They are to be given opportunities to exhibit talents. For this:

- Opportunity to display talents in music, reading, singing.
- Opportunity to socialize and be free from the monotony.
- Formation of smaller groups: Word of God; liturgy; music, etc.

Community of healing

That St Joseph's become a community of healing—spiritual and emotional. Whatever be the wounds and injuries, the parish is always committed to communion and healing. Loneliness is overcome through communion, and emptiness is transcended through selfless commitment to the mission of the parish. For this:

- Praying for particular/special needs.
- Visit to the needy
- Dialogue

Community of participation

That St Joseph's become a community where there is participation/celebration of the life of individual members. There is participation in the joys, sorrows and success of the members. It is to be done with discrete and respect. For this:

- Announcement in the church

- Giving place for important events in the bulletin

Community of prayer

That St Joseph's become primarily a praying community. When prayer is neglected, parish loses its very identity and purpose. For this:

- Convenient time for the liturgical celebrations,
- Devotional, orderly and lively celebrations.
- Returning to the established prayers and devotions
- Well-pondered additional spiritual practices.
- First week devotions during adoration.
- Special Mass on Saturday commemorating Mary.

Community of collaboration

That St Joseph's become a community of collaboration with the school and care homes in the parish. The children are prepared for the First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the school. As parish community, we would like to have greater collaboration with the school to ensure that preparation is sufficient and that the celebrations are executed with due importance. For this:

- A meeting with the school authority to plan preparation and execution of these sacraments.
- Meeting with the teachers in agreement with the school
- Preparing a plan for the whole academic year for the school.
- Discussing with the school authority for bringing children and their parents to the respective parish.

Community well-organised

That St Joseph's become be a community well-organised with specified and clear roles for each group. It is necessary that these groups function and fulfill its purpose. There different groups with different functions in the parish. For this:

- Identify the groups
- Clarify the aim
- Identify the right persons to assume responsibilities
- Meet and plan the programmes in ahead
- Evaluation to ensure the smooth functioning of these groups