

The Parish as a Teaching Community

Everything the parish does and how it does it teaches something about the Catholic way of life. The following list is a guide for evaluating what the parish is communicating about Catholic life through its activities and its structures.

What Do We See Our Parish Communicating about Catholic Life in the Way We:

1. celebrate our liturgies and common prayer life?
2. promote and offer catechesis for all ages?
3. evangelize within and beyond the parish?
4. reach out to our youth and young adults?
5. include and learn from our minority populations?
6. serve and utilize the gifts and skills of people with disabilities?
7. support families as domestic churches?
8. promote and engage in works of justice and charity?
9. welcome and incorporate new members into the community?
10. foster a sense of belonging and mutual care as a community?
11. focus on mission in terms of looking beyond our own needs and interests?
12. allocate our funds in support of our mission?
13. exercise our leadership roles?
14. empower members for service?
15. utilize the gifts, skills, and resources of the community?
16. use our facilities to support our needs, our mission, and our strategic goals?
17. create and maintain a warm and friendly environment throughout our facilities?
18. utilize our communication channels, e.g., bulletin, website, e-mail?
19. provide just wages and benefits to our employees?
20. collaborate with other parishes, Christian denominations, and faith communities?
21. allocate our personal and communal resources for good stewardship?
22. other?