



CORPUS CHRISTI UNIVERSITY PARISH
PASTORAL PLANNING 2013–2014

Mission

The mission of Corpus Christi University Parish is to be a sign and instrument of the presence of Christ at the University of Toledo. With reliance on God and guidance on the Catholic tradition, we strive to form a community of faith which promotes the spiritual, intellectual and moral development of all its members so that together we can work for justice and peace and offer effective leadership in church and society.

Goals and Objectives

Communication

Goal: The Parish will engage in effective communication strategies and establish and implement a Communication Plan to better support the mission and ministry of the Parish.

Objective: Engaging professionals to evaluate and develop a comprehensive marketing/communications plan for implementation in the parish.

The Six Pillars of Campus Ministry

Corpus Christi University Parish structure the ministry of the community around the six aspects of campus ministry found in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Campus Ministry "Empowered by the Spirit". We promote dialogue and collaboration between permanent community members and student parishioners through a variety of programs. We interact and actively engage the larger university community as well as the broader society.

Pillar I: Forming the Faith Community

The Parish calls together a community of Christ's followers making them into a single people giving university students and permanent community members' positive experiences and opportunities to learn their responsibilities to the larger Church and society through worship, service, fellowship and stewardship.

Goal: The Parish will engage in effective fellowship and stewardship while sharing in full, active and conscious participation in worship to build up the Body of Christ in our community and proclaim the Gospel.

Objective: Empower a team of parishioners to develop and implement a process for welcoming and enhancing fellowship in the parish.

Pillar II: Appropriating the Faith

The Parish makes available theological education and spiritual formation for Catholics and works with others to solve the challenge of religious illiteracy in our culture. The community fosters personal commitment by university students and permanent community members to Christ and encourages witness in the world on behalf of the Gospel.

Goal: The Parish Community will provide education and formation for its members so that they will have the tools to answer their baptismal call and be faithful Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ.

Objective: In addition to the established lecture series develop a Lenten Adult Education program utilizing the Catholicism program by Father Robert Barron.

Pillar III: Forming a Christian Conscience

The parish encourages university students and permanent community members to put on the mind of Christ and inform their consciences by the Gospel of Christ as guided by the Church. People whose consciences are formed by the Gospel not only resist evil but also help transform the world.

Goal: The parish will assist and guide its members in the process of conscience formation through intellectual, spiritual and pastoral initiatives.

Objective: Reformat and execute the McCormick Conference into an Advent Saturday Seminar and Workshop for conscience and justice formation.

Pillar IV: Educating for Peace and Justice

The parish provides ample opportunities for university students and permanent community members to work in programs and projects designed to create a more just social order in which peace and reverence for life is present. Through theological reflection, these works internalize and bring to mind that Christ establishes and brings to fruition the Kingdom of God in the world through us.

Goal: The parish will guide the parishioners in the practical application of the Church's social teaching and support them in serving Christ through active ministry to all those in need.

Objective: Organize a springtime justice activity flowing from the Advent McCormack Seminar for parishioner participation.

Pillar V: Facilitating Personal Development

The parish recognizes that all people are living images of God, and thus have a great dignity and are worthy of respect. In facilitating the personal development of the university students and permanent community members, the parish seeks to promote the development of the whole person. The parish seeks to develop mature Christians who actively live their faith in contemporary society and culture.

Goal: The parish will assist its members in developing their full intellectual, emotional, physical and social potential to enthusiastically live out their Christian calling.

Objective: Identify and catalog for parishioner; use the talents and expertise of community members in the area of counseling and support activities.

Pillar VI: Developing Leaders for the Future

The parish develops disciples of Jesus to carry out the responsibility of offering personal witness in the culture, realizing that the gifts and talents bestowed on the university students and permanent community members are not given simply for personal advantage but for the benefit of others and for the good of society and the Church.

Goal: The parish will provide opportunities for its members to develop leadership skills to be used in the Church and throughout society.

Objective: To create a Parish Community Skills Directory for leadership development.