

PASTORAL PLAN

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Rochelle, Illinois

September, 2003

St Patrick Catholic Church Mission Statement

With Christ as our model, the mission of St. Patrick Parish is to worship our Lord as one body united in Christ, to minister through word and sacrament, to serve our brothers and sisters in time of need, to educate and form our youth as future Church and community leaders, to reestablish a Catholic elementary school, and to expand evangelization and adult education.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to strengthen St. Patrick Parish as faithful stewards through our giving of time, talent, and treasure.

Originated by the Pastor and the Pastoral and Finance Councils, August 28,2001.

Introduction

This revised pastoral plan was developed by the Parish Pastoral Council in September 2003. The Parish was again compared to an ideal parish, as defined by the Diocese in its report "Indicators of Parish Vitality," originally issued April 1997. Three areas of effort emerged from this process: the continuation of youth ministry from the previous plan, a revised young adult education plan, and a new effort for evangelization which is deemed to be the underpinning for growth both in number of parishioners and in spiritual development of all Parish members.

Parish Areas of Effort:

Area of Effort 1: To provide a high quality youth ministry program for our parish junior high and senior high school students, facilitating their growth in faith and enhancing their involvement in the faith community. Youth ministry, consistent with our Mission Statement, continues as a top priority.

Objective 1. 1: Have five Youth Masses during each year.

Objective 1.2: Have at least two community service projects each year.

Objective 1.3: Establish an adult mentoring program by June 2005.

Objective 1.4: Continue development of Youth Web Site.

Objective 1.5: Continue the post-confirmation education program for high school students.

Area of Effort 2: To build on the currently established adult education foundation with a more extensive program which will enable adults to grow in their faith; resulting in more effective Catholic leaders in our Church and community.

Objective 2. 1: To continue support for and expansion of ministry with young adults.

Objective 2.2: Provide a Scripture study program by Jan 2004.

Objective 2.3: Continue to provide seminars for Catholic knowledge enrichment.

Objective 2.4: Continue to expand adult sacramental preparation programs by recruiting and training additional preparation team members to be program presenters and mentors.

Area of Effort 3: To further develop the Evangelization process in our Catholic Parish.

Objective 3. 1: Develop a program for Parish Renewal by Jan 2004.

Objective 3.2: Develop a program for welcoming back Catholics by 2004.

Objective 3.3: Integrate evangelization as a way of life for all Parish members and in all Parish activities.

