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## Long Range Planning (LRP) Goals / Objectives

**Faith Formation/Education:** *As members of Christ Church Newman Center we are charged to serve the students, faculty and community of SCSU and SCTC and therefore will be a center for ongoing faith formation, which offers innovative programs, retreats, and courses in theology, justice, scripture, and spiritual growth.*

**Goal:** Further growth and nurturing of both the permanent and student communities by providing opportunities for deepening faith formation to meet the spiritual needs of members and increasing their understanding of our Newman mission.

**Objectives:**

- a. Educate students and permanent members about how the history of Christ Church Newman Center has shaped our identity.
- b. Honor our commitment to Newman's unique and vibrant Religious Education Program.
- c. Develop a faith formation plan that allows for a variety of study and faith sharing opportunities.
- d. Raise awareness by educating the Newman Community in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching as the root of our commitment to justice work.

**Living Our Faith in the World:** *As members of Christ Church Newman Center we are challenged by the mission of Christ to live out our faith in the world – in our daily work and family life, in service to the needy and vulnerable, and in efforts to transform our world for greater justice.*

**Goal:** Motivate our members through the challenging messages of the Gospel and Christ's mission in the world to live out our faith in all we do in order to transform our world for greater justice.

**Objectives:**

- a. Continue and expand service trips for students and permanent members.
- b. Continue the provision of opportunities for direct service to local needy families and individuals.
- c. Continue to provide opportunities for members to participate in efforts to strengthen justice in our social and economic life.
- d. Provide opportunities for experiences with other faith and cultural communities.
- e. Develop a comprehensive plan for the use of the monthly second collection taking in to consideration parish needs and desires.

**Community/Membership:** *At Christ Church Newman Center all will be welcomed with a warmth and hospitality that permeates all that we do and extends beyond our walls.*

**Goal:** Expand and strengthen our membership as a community of faith while reaffirming all are welcome.

**Objectives:**

- a. Reaffirm our mission to the university community by educating lay leaders and church membership in shared campus ministry.
- b. Create a membership plan which will expand membership, improve retention, ease the membership process, and assure that all members remain supported in their spiritual journey.
- d. Increase the SCSU/SCTC faculty and staff outreach.
- d. Provide more opportunities for Newman members to interact with our leadership and each other, build relationships with new members and visitors, and become more active in our parish activities.

**Liturgy:** *Liturgical worship at Christ Church Newman Center is the source and summit of all that we do; it is centered in Christ, creative, inclusive and life giving.*

**Goal:** Call forth and celebrate the full, active and conscious participation of all our members in the liturgical life of the church.

**Objectives:**

- a. Re-enforce our Newman identity through our welcoming worship with creative and challenging liturgies, consistent use of inclusive language and the active and conscious participation of the entire assembly.
- b. Use and refine the gifts of our entire membership to enhance our liturgies in the way we offer reflections and through creative, diverse music programming.
- c. Through our liturgical prayer we will celebrate and nourish our membership in all stages and events of their lives.

**Finance/Stewardship:** *As members of Christ Church Newman Center our gifts and resources are offered in service to our ministry to the SCSU and SCTC communities and all people of faith.*

**Goal:** Invite and encourage all parishioners to embrace the call to stewardship by engaging their time, talent, and treasure in the ministries of the church.

**Objectives:**

- a. Continue and strengthen the annual renewal process.
- b. Promote alternative forms of giving to Newman such as bequests, estate planning, electronic funds transfer, online giving, and donations from parents, alumni, and friends.
- c. Use current media resources to improve communication of information, opportunities, and needs.
- d. Plan for the future needs of Newman by developing a short and long-term plan for maintaining and enhancing the buildings and grounds.