

# A CALL TO CONVERSION

COURAGEOUSLY LIVING THE GOSPEL

2025-2029 PASTORAL PLAN - CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAINT PETERSBURG



## FOUNDATIONAL GOAL

As secular influences seek to draw us away from our faith, we will challenge each other to value God above all else as reflected through our policies, practices, activities, and decision making.

### CALL TO CONVERSION

We, the People of God in the Diocese of Saint Petersburg, look to deepen our understanding of what it means to value God above all else. We will integrate this truth into our daily lives, our work, our play, and our worship.

### PUTTING IT INTO ACTION

- 1 Place God first in our lives and in all our decisions.
- 2 As a community of believers, our policies, practices, and activities will reflect God's will for His people and His Church, and will serve as pathways to lead people into a deeper relationship with Him.
- 3 Value God's gift of life from conception to natural death by honoring this gift and advocating for those who have no voice or whose voice has been silenced.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** The People of God in the five counties of the Diocese of Saint Petersburg

**START DATE:** Today

**SUPPORT PROVIDED BY:** Bishop Gregory Parkes, your pastor and pastoral staff, principal, the Pastoral Center, your parish and school



## 2025-2029 PASTORAL PLAN

- A visioning document for the Diocese for the next five years
- Three central priorities honor the Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Twelve Goals honor the works of the Twelve Apostles
- Goals have associated Calls to Conversion and ways to Put It Into Action



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# PASTORAL PRIORITIES

OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAINT PETERSBURG

## PRIORITY 1

**We will place God first in all things.**

### GOAL 1

Throughout the Diocese, we will Make All Sundays Sacred (M.A.S.S.) by emphasizing the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist.

### GOAL 2

Prioritize discipleship and Catholic identity in the education and personal development of our youth.

### GOAL 3

Parishes, schools, and diocesan entities will assist those entrusted to their care in making prayer central to their lives.

### GOAL 4

We will glorify God by being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us to advance God's kingdom.

### GOAL 5

Parishes, schools, and diocesan entities will provide holy and exceptional pastoral leadership.



## PRIORITY 2

**We will love as God loves and serve as Christ serves.**

### GOAL 6

We will foster stewardship as a way of life in our Church and in our ministries.

### GOAL 7

Catholic Charities will enhance the corporal works of mercy to better serve the homeless in our diocese.

### GOAL 8

All diocesan entities will bear witness to our Catholic faith by inviting and participating in the corporal works of mercy.

## PRIORITY 3

**We will go and make disciples.**

### GOAL 9

The entire Diocese will participate in targeted efforts to invite all to encounter Jesus Christ.

### GOAL 10

Parishes and schools will assist our fellow disciples to discern God's universal call to holiness by assisting in their vocational discernment.

### GOAL 11

We will establish, cultivate, and emphasize the Church's missionary spirit.

### GOAL 12

Invest in our youth and young adults by providing them additional opportunities to grow in their Catholic faith and serve others.

