

San Antonio de Padua del Cañon 2009/2011 Pastoral Plan

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

The Pastoral Plan Committee has completed the final draft of the San Antonio Parish Pastoral Plan, and it has been approved by Father Nettekoven and all the members of the Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral Plan is intended to be a living, dynamic document that sets forth goals with specific objectives and timelines to be accomplished by the parish and its members. The plan attempts to prioritize and respond to the needs and desires of the parish community as expressed in the parish survey conducted in 2009 and will be updated periodically.

A copy of the full text of the plan is also available in the parish office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Pastoral Plan Committee

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Goal 1: Improve communications between members of the parish and between San Antonio and the local community.

- Objective 1: Update the parish website including redesign of the home page, making it more user-friendly, easier to navigate with links to related websites, providing outreach and service information and mass intentions as well as other substantive information. Mass intentions, if approved by requesting parishioner(s), can be posted to solicit the prayers and support of our parish community.
- Objective 2: Employ or assign a parish staff person as communications coordinator/webmaster to organize, control and continually import information supplied by assigned website contributors from each ministry and designated offices/persons within the parish.
- Objective 3: Include a parish website process whereby parishioners can request e-mails regarding events and ministry activities.
- Objective 4: Have each ministry publish an annual calendar on the parish website.
- Objective 5: Have each ministry update the Parish Information Directory in accordance with the tri-annual parish survey regarding its mission and activities by 3/01/10 and update the List of Ministries insert annually by Ministry Sunday.
- Objective 6: Implement proposed redesign changes to the parish bulletin to better organize the content subsequent to a final working meeting of the bulletin subcommittee with Fr. Joe.
- Objective 7: Publish website enhancements and improvements in weekly bulletins and promote them from the pulpit when major in scope.
- Objective 8: Identify the appropriate location and space to install a parish bulletin board in front of the church.
- Objective 9: Provide information cards and ministry participation cards in the foyer of the church and in the pews so parishioners and visitors may obtain access to parish information.

Goal 2: Enhance opportunities for parishioners to learn, love and live their faith through educational programs.

- Objective 1: Research and evaluate the need for a ministry outreach coordinator to oversee and coordinate the activities of the various ministries offering adult education programs. Included in this study is the possible use of volunteers to fill this need. The research must include a subcommittee to define the specifics of the role.
- Objective 2: Research and evaluate the Bible study sessions within the parish and interview pertinent people to determine what sessions (number and content) are currently provided and if more and/or different Bible study sessions are warranted. If so, implement them with qualified San Antonio parishioners. Incremental study groups would be expected to define the group objective and establish a budget to include what costs might be involved for supplies, speakers etc.
- Objective 3: Research and evaluate the faith education programs for various groups such as young adults, adults and seniors and interview pertinent people to determine what programs (number and content) are currently provided and if more and/or different faith education classes are warranted. If so, implement them with qualified people and determine what costs might be involved for supplies, speakers etc.

Goal 3: Develop a community accessible 'Catholic Outreach and Support Program' offering: (1) an opportunity for parishioners faced with crisis and afflictions to obtain assistance from their community; and (2) an opportunity for parishioners wishing to volunteer their time, treasures and talent to support others in our community in crisis and in need and be witnesses for Christ in our community.

- Objective 1: Create job opportunity resource by providing contacts and linkage to both job seekers and employers.
- Objective 2: Provide access pathways to resources for those needing food, clothing, medical care, temporary shelter and other emergency services and/or necessities of life.
- Objective 3: Provide resources and disseminate information on elder care issues including meals, transportation, temporary care and hospice services utilizing parish ministries to provide contact information to assist those in need of services. The parish ministries cannot directly provide many of these services due to liability risks.
- Objective 4: Assist the San Antonio Family Ministry by creating a San Antonio recyclable brown bag food donation program and promoting the program through advertising, bulletin, pulpit and additional mediums to encourage repetitive participation.

Goal 4: Create and promote visible opportunities for all parishioners to participate in the social activities of all the parish ministries by January 2010.

- Objective 1: Publish an annual master calendar with lists of social events of each parish ministry.
- Objective 2: Post an annual calendar with monthly updates on the parish website, in the bulletin and on the bulletin board in front of the church.
- Objective 3: Ensure that the heads of ministries meet quarterly to address pertinent issues and exchange needed information.
- Objective 4: Promote parish wide activities sponsored by individual ministries to expand attendance and involvement of all parishioners. Events and activities need to be open to the entire parish and not ministry specific.