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**NEW ORLEANS**

**Pastoral Handbook  
of Policies**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

### Departments and Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Impelled by Christ's call and inspired by the Holy Spirit through the work of the Ninth General Synod, the ministries of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, in union with the Archbishop and with one another, serve the people of the parishes, schools and organizations of the archdiocese in enabling them to encounter Jesus and to witness with joy.

## **GOALS**

To fulfill this mission, we, the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, seek the following goals:

1. To make each parish a dynamic embodiment of the Good News of Jesus Christ, a welcoming community of worship, reconciliation and ministry.
2. To provide spiritual formation and religious education that will encourage adults and children alike to cherish the Catholic tradition and its values.
3. To invite God's people of all races and creeds to join us in building the peaceful kingdom.
4. To champion the dignity of human beings, especially the most vulnerable, by confronting the injustices in our society.
5. To promote wise stewardship of the earth's bounty and generous return of our material goods in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

## **PROCEDURE FOR UPDATING THIS MANUAL**

1. The proposed change is developed by an office or department with appropriate internal consultation including legal and canonical consultation, if necessary.
2. The proposed change is sent to Human Resources where it will be reviewed for internal consistency with other policy manuals.
3. The proposed change is submitted to the Administrative Council through the office of Pastoral Planning and Ministries.
4. If the Administrative Council approves the policy change, the procedure continues with Step Five. The Council may require other actions that return the proposal to the original office or department.

5. The change approved by the Administrative Council is returned to Human Resources with the appropriate authorization so that Information Technology may update the manual(s).

6. The appropriate constituencies are notified of the change through an Oracle announcement.