

Revisiting the St. Margaret Mary Parish Mission

A committee from the Pastoral Council was tasked with revisiting our parish mission statement. After reviewing our current and former mission statements (seen on the back/next page), as well as other parishes' statements, we began by asking...

What are the attributes of an effective mission statement?

Simple – easy to remember and share; a clear message to guide our parish.

Active – a clear challenge to parishioners to live out their faith.

Compelling – appealing to others outside our church.

Substantial – reflecting unique attributes of our parish and Catholic faith.

What's our final mission?

To share in the life, love, and ministry of Jesus.

What are the pathways to this mission most experienced at SMM?

The Sacraments

Prayer and Worship

Forgiveness and Mercy

Service to others

Various ministries

Communion with a global church

Education programs

Family life and the domestic church

Service and Fellowship Clubs

Evangelization

Knowledge of His Word

Inclusion of others

Generosity

Eucharistic Adoration

Church history and teachings

Catholic Social Teachings

Youth Ministry

Support groups

Our Mission Review Committee drew from elements of the current and previous mission statements, and consolidated the above pathways in order to remain true to the desired attributes.

After a lot of prayer and discussion and many drafts, **here's our current proposal:**

We, the members of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, share in the life, love, and ministry of Jesus as we celebrate the holy sacraments, join in worship and fellowship, pursue His teachings and good purposes in our lives, and act as His hands and feet in our community.

Now, we want to hear from you, the active participants and ministry leaders in our church. Did we focus on the right attributes? Did we effectively represent the pathways offered at SMM? Are you pleased with the current proposal?

Let us know by emailing: StMMMissionReview@gmail.com

Current SMM Mission Statement:

St. Margaret Mary Parish is committed to create a pathway for the community to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist through Prayer, Inclusion, Generosity and Evangelization.

Previous SMM Mission Statement:

We, the faith community of St. Margaret Mary, a Roman Catholic Church, established in 1965, lovingly serve the spiritual and physical needs of our growing community in Slidell, Louisiana.

We, as a parish family experience the blessings of the Holy Spirit through Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We strive to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, under the authority of the Holy Father and the Archbishop. We seek to do the Will of God the Father by loving God and our neighbor through many ministries which provide worship, education, spirituality, charity, and acts of service.

We educate our youth through our Catholic school, Parish School of Religion, and youth ministries in order to nurture and prepare future generations to be active disciples in building the Kingdom of God.