



## **Holy Family Parish - Caledonia**

### **Parish Evangelizing Profile – Year One**

**GOAL I: To bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others.**

**1. What does Goal I mean to you? What do you value most about our Catholic faith? What are some clear signs that our parishioners are living their faith in Jesus? In what ways do we freely share our faith with others?**

What does Goal I mean to you?

- Jesus being a part of our life and sharing Him.
- Sensory religion. - Sacraments
- Our challenge is to be happy (enthusiastic) and to know our scripture better.
- Being enthusiastic about our faith so we can share it with others.
- Sharing your faith openly but quietly.
- Why don't people share? Because they don't understand their faith.
- Energize our youth – get them involved.
- Sharing personal life stories influences others without even knowing you are doing it.
- We need to have a better knowledge of our faith in order to share it.

What do you value most about our Catholic faith?

- Eucharist
- Universality of faith.
- Worshiping on Sunday.
- Value the works of the Holy Spirit.
- Heritage and traditions of our faith – Prayer, sign of the cross.
- “And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love and they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

What are some clear signs that our parishioners are living their faith in Jesus?

- Living faith outside your parish church (Notre Dame scandal/situation w/Pres. Obama and his pro-abortion and other issues that are not in line with Catholic thinking, receiving an honorary degree and speaking at graduation).
- Knights of Columbus
- Perseverance
- Ask the Holy Spirit do you want me to touch a specific person's life
- Strong nucleus at Holy Family Church
- Sense of community
- Adoration and Forty days for life
- Resurrection/Contemporary Choir

In what ways do we freely share our faith with others?

- Service Organizations
- RCIA
- Sharing our faith stories
- Eucharistic Ministry as an example to others sharing our faith
- Coffee and Rolls
- Every day work place (E3)
- Pray before meals in restaurants- publicly
- Helped family in New Orleans rebuild their home
- Christian Service Ministry
- Funeral Luncheons
- Preach the gospel, when necessary use words
- Reaching out to others in service
- Sign of cross/praying publicly

**2. What do you think are the most effective ways that our parish is achieving this goal right now?**

- Ministry for the youth – their tee shirts show off their faith
- Fr. Mark making a real difference
- Obedience to the authority of the church teachings.
- Leadership in the church is making a difference and creating good programs
- Have a strong core group of believers
- Rising Mass
- Joining of 3 parishes has made us stronger
- Meeters and greeters
- Property and grounds
- Stephen Ministry
- Clown Ministry
- Leadership of the church is bringing effective means of evangelization (the DiM program).

**3. On a scale of 1–7, to what degree do you think our parish is achieving Goal I?**

	Not at all		<b>Partially</b>			Completely	
Ranking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
# Votes (tables) =>	0	1	2	4	2	0	0

**4. Your table will now decide on the top two objectives by a process of multi-voting. Each of you is allotted 5 votes which you may place on one or many of the objectives listed below. Spend the first 10 minutes reviewing the 13 objectives listed below and clarifying any questions with your table facilitator, then individually decide where you wish to place your 5 votes. Document all votes and determine the top two:**

- (1) **EDUCATION (86 votes):** To foster a renewed understanding of the faith among Catholics.
- (2) **SACRAMENTS (42 votes):** To foster an appreciation for the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and all the sacraments, the sacred signs of our Catholic life.
- (3) **PERSONAL HOLINESS (34 votes):** To foster an experience of conversion and renewal in the heart of every believer, leading to a more active living of Catholic life.
- (4) **KINSHIP / SOCIAL NETWORK (33 votes):** To foster active and personal religious experience through participation in small group and other communal experiences in which the Good News is shared, experienced, and applied to daily life.
- (5) **BIBLE (32 votes):** To foster an appreciation of God's Word in the lives of all Catholics.
- (6) **PRAYER (18 votes):** To foster an even deeper sense of prayer among our Catholic people.
- (7) **DISCIPLESHIP (18 votes):** To foster a sense of discipleship among Catholic adults and children.
- (8) **RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (17 votes):** To foster a greater appreciation of the power of God's word in our worship.
- (9) **SACRED HOSPITALITY (16 votes):** To make the evangelizing dimension of the Sunday Eucharist more explicit.
- (10) **OPEN DOOR (8 votes):** To foster an experience of conversion and renewal in every Parish.
- (11) **FAMILY FOCUS (7 votes):** To foster a sense of the domestic Church within households in which families, individuals, and groups reside.
- (12) **TESTING THE WATER, AND THEN NON-DESTRUCTIVE EVANGELIZING (7 votes):** To promote and develop a spirituality for the workplace.
- (13) **ULTIMATE FREEDOM (2 votes):** To foster greater appreciation of cultural and ethnic spirituality.

**5. Suggest one or two specific ways to accomplish each objective that your group selected.**

**EDUCATION (86 votes): To foster a renewed understanding of the faith among Catholics.**

- Retreats and special study of catechism
- Foster a renewed understanding of the faith among Catholics
- Men's/Women's conferences
- Retreats – similar to the youth's
- Formulation of catechetical materials in clear language
- Missions
- Adult education/rosary/novenas/holy hours/first Friday/first Saturday
- “Back to Basics”

- Jail Ministry
- Newsletter – article on faith points or questions/or explaining them in daily life
- Be Enthusiastic about your faith
- Make time for private prayer
- A ‘hook’ to attract people. For example, ”Do you really believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist?
- Use email messages to parishioners
- Provide short daily/weekly instruction on sacraments/beliefs on CD, paper, email, text message, etc.
- Genuflect to the tabernacle, bow to the altar....Clarify this!
- Catholic material of opportunities in ‘easy to grasp’ formats and more often: am, noon & pm opportunities.
- Expand Liturgy Committee with diversity to enhance enthusiasm built within the liturgy.

**SACRAMENTS (42 votes): To foster an appreciation for the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and all the sacraments, the sacred signs of our Catholic life.**

- CD's, Video, special retreats and speakers.
- New crucifix in the sanctuary & chapel.
- Bring the tabernacle back to the main sanctuary.
- RCIA basic education
- Bells at consecration
- Education on what Eucharist really is
- Foster more respect during the proclamation of the word or consecration
- Appropriate dress
- Prayerful worship space
- Children’s liturgy of the word
- Enthusiastic people and responses!
- Spirit filled celebration of the liturgy.
- Evening mass/rosary/daily masses
- Quiet sign at door of church – this is a Holy place – not a chat room
- Misalette's
- Retreats, youth encounters, Parish Mission, Bible Studies, Website reminders morning, noon, and evening opportunities (Benediction)
- Back to the basics and more
- Education.
- Use the Mass as an education component. Short Homily followed by education as homily i.e. History on mass, meaning of different items or parts
- Expand Adult Ed of opportunities to coincide with Sunday/Wednesday faith Formation Programs
- Dear Padre Articles – used to start to help basic learning of faith in short periods of time.
- Book Club.