

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOUR

### *Reconciliation and Justice:*

To become increasingly recognised as a welcoming, healing and reconciling community and as effective advocates for social justice.

- 4.1 Acknowledge, advertise, support and build on the many initiatives that operate effectively throughout the diocese.
- 4.2 Support, encourage and enhance the critical work of our diocesan ministries and organisations. e.g. Prison ministry, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry, Aged Care Homes, Education Ministry, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Parish Pastoral Ministry initiatives, Centacare, BoysTown, St Vincent De Paul, Catholic Women's League, Kings of the Southern Cross.
- 4.3 Strengthen the recognition, celebration and acceptance of different cultures.
- 4.4 Foster collaboration between the various Catholic ministries operating within the diocese in response to particular social needs.

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION NUMBER FIVE

### *Young People:*

To establish a strong partnership with young people, encouraging them to use their gifts within the diocese.

- 5.1 Support the development of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the diocese.
- 5.2 Support and promote the engagement of young people in the life of the parish and diocese.
- 5.3 Develop vibrant parish liturgies to foster the participation of young people in worship and liturgical ministry.
- 5.4 Explore and promote opportunities for young people to participate in and lead initiatives of social justice, public advocacy and other parish ministries.
- 5.5 Promote parish, school and family as pivotal in developing strategies and experiences which bring family and Church together.

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION NUMBER SIX

### *Faith Development:*

To encourage and provide opportunities for lifelong faith development.

- 6.1 Consult and determine relevant formation themes to be given special focus over a calendar period e.g. liturgical season or year, for the enhancement of faith, life and mission formation across a spectrum of people, parishes and agencies.
- 6.2 Acknowledge and support the distinctive roles of the clergy, laity and religious in working together for the growth of the Church community.
- 6.3 Provide opportunities and access to resources for ongoing faith education in collaboration with other dioceses and the wider Church community.
- 6.4 Utilise information technology to support programs and opportunities for ongoing faith formation.
- 6.5 Provide opportunities for the discernment of gifts of people in the local community and encourage them to grow in their capacity to share, lead and witness to their faith.

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION NUMBER SEVEN

### *Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Relationships:*

To continue our active commitment to ecumenical and interfaith discussion and collaboration.

- 7.1 Promote understanding, knowledge, respect and active engagement with all other churches and faith groups.
- 7.2 Support active engagement across the diocese in opportunities to meet and work together.
- 7.3 Work in collaboration with the South Australian Council of Churches.

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# *Diocese of Port Pirie*

## **Pastoral Plan 2014 - 2017**

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## *To be His Hands and Voice*

We need as a diocese always to reflect on our mission as Church with firm faith and hope, acknowledging that Christ is with us always, and in all things and in each of us, reaching out. Our shared vocation is to be His hands and voice in our part of the world, this vast and diverse diocese of greatly scattered communities.

These are the insights driving us. Baptism configures us to live the mission of Christ in the world. Secondly, no parish can act alone; but there is a diversity of resources and richness in a Region that can supplement the parish for mission. Thirdly, the Church will not be born again unless it be reborn in the family. May our diocese live the mission of Jesus, to preach, to teach, and to heal.

**Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ**

## *Our Vision – To Love and to Serve*

To enliven a sense of Baptismal Ministry in the diocese and to invite all the Baptised to share in the mission of Jesus: to preach, to teach and to heal.

## *Key Areas of Ministry*

Recognising that resources are rich but scattered, parish communities, schools and Church agencies are invited to work together more closely in Regions, sharing gifts and resources. Working together will allow them to realise goals and opportunities they could not achieve on their own, minimises duplication in pastoral life and activity and provides compelling witness to our Church as a communion of communities.

Parish communities, schools and Church agencies are invited to take up and implement the seven Strategic Directions according to local needs and capacity.

In the implementation of the Strategic Directions the following key areas have been identified.

1. Structures: e.g. Assemblies, Conferences, Councils, Boards, Groups.
2. Forms of Ministry Engagement: e.g. Liturgy, Faith Formation, Youth Ministry.
3. Formation Programs: e.g. Alpha, RCIA, Lenten Programs.
4. Forms of Collaborative Ministry: e.g. Diocesan, Regional, cross-parish Networks, Teams.
5. Communication Tools and Strategies: e.g. Email, WebEx, Skype, Teleconferences.

# Strategic Directions



## STRATEGIC DIRECTION ONE

### *Eucharist:*

To implement effective ways of encouraging all Catholics and those who are searching to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist.

- 1.1 Encourage the formation of parish liturgy committees and Diocesan Liturgy Network.
- 1.2 Offer formation for Liturgy of the Word with Communion.
- 1.3 Foster a ministry of hospitality, welcome and formation in our parish communities.
- 1.4 Reach out to those not strongly connected to their parish or who are estranged from our church, enabling them to rediscover the joy of Christian faith and community.
- 1.5 Strengthen the connection between the Catholic parish, the school and the communities.

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION TWO

### *Family Life and Relationships:*

To support our families as the cornerstone of our Church and society, strengthening them in their love and helping them live the Gospel.

- 2.1 Review and develop ministries of welcome to foster a sense of belonging to the parish family.
- 2.2 Acknowledge sacramental preparation and entrance to Catholic schooling as key moments for faith formation.
- 2.3 Develop a better appreciation of contemporary families and their place in the Catholic community.
- 2.4 Review parish activities and facilities to ensure access to all.
- 2.5 Collaborate with our Catholic agencies that focus on supporting families in their work in assisting families to function more effectively.

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION THREE

### *Leadership and Community:*

To enable all members of the diocesan community to exercise their gifts in response to God's call to a particular form of service.

- 3.1 Develop awareness of the Baptismal ministry of every person to preach, to teach and to heal.
- 3.2 Encourage, promote and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- 3.3 Invite and provide opportunities for growth in faith and understanding for all who wish to be involved.
- 3.4 Develop and strengthen a culture of partnership and mutual commitment in the parish in fidelity to its mission.
- 3.5 Identify and appoint qualified and experienced lay pastoral ministers to be commissioned in each parish community.
- 3.6 Encourage collaboration between parishes (or groups of parishes) to respond to the pastoral needs and hopes of the community.
- 3.7 Acknowledge, affirm and celebrate the giftedness of all those who serve in our parishes.