

*For we are his handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them.
(Ephesians 2:10)*

Our Partnership Agreement

As partners in mission we will use our gifts and strengths in these four ways:

- **Worship:** Deepen our relationship with Christ through personal prayer, by making Sunday Mass a priority, and by regularly participating in the sacraments;
- **Grow:** Deepen our understanding of our faith and become better disciples by taking part in at least one parish spiritual or educational offering during the year;
- **Connect:** Deepen our relationship with Christ's body, the Church, by getting to know one another better;
- **Serve:** Deepen the image of Jesus in us by imitating him who came among us not to be served but to serve, offering some specific volunteer work.



Corpus Christi Church and St Pius X Church

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Our parish mission:

As disciples of Jesus Christ,
we the members of
St. John Vianney Parish
join together to proclaim God's Word,
celebrate the sacraments,
and serve others
with compassion and generosity.

We invite all parish households to join with the pastor, staff, and lay leaders as partners in our mission. Let us together proclaim God's Word by making Christ better known to one another and those beyond the parish. Let us truly *celebrate* Mass and the sacraments as a community. Nourished by the Eucharist and realizing community support, we can generously and compassionately serve others.

God created a covenant, a special partnership, with our forebears in the Old Testament and repeatedly renewed it through Abraham, Moses, and others. As we know from the New Testament, God's Son, Jesus, established a new covenant that continues through the Church. Still today God invites us to be partners in God's loving plan and equips us with gifts and strengths to do our part. Will you be an active partner with the parish in carrying out the mission handed on to us by Christ?

Inside this leaflet you can read what St John Vianney Parish pledges to contribute as an equal partner with you. You can also read the parish's expectations of parishioner-partners. On the back you will find the four elements of our Partnership Agreement.

What you get from St. John Vianney Parish

Our basic pledge is to help you deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. We are committed to offering opportunities for all to worship, grow, connect in community, and serve meaningfully.

WORSHIP: Catholic liturgy, especially the Eucharist, is the center of our parish life and we pledge to

- Offer dynamic Sunday Eucharist that fosters full, active, and conscious participation;
- Provide solid preaching that explains the Scriptures in ordinary language and connects it to everyday life;
- Make the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday) central to our year;
- Provide the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick;
- Offer prayer and devotions such as Eucharistic adoration on First Fridays, Stations of the Cross in Lent, intercessory prayer, and the rosary before Mass during October and May.

GROW: Life-long faith formation is important to us and we provide opportunities for growth at every age, such as

- Religious education, summer Catholic Kidz Camp, and Youth Group;
- Bible study and other small group learning and faith-sharing opportunities;
- Parish Mission or other spiritual renewal experience;
- Online resources (stjvp.org links, FORMED) and access to the parish library;
- Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA, RCIC).

CONNECT: We strive to unite as one parish community through hospitality, generosity, and respect for the gifts and needs of all. Our parish provides a variety of opportunities to connect with others through

- Parish festivals and fund raising events (e.g., Harvest Festival, BBQ, rummage sale);
- Conversation over food in conjunction with liturgy or other activities;
- Parish website, Facebook, Twitter, Flocknote, weekly bulletin;

SERVE: We glorify God by lovingly and compassionately serving those in need.

Opportunities to use gifts and talents to serve others include

- Ministries such as Welcome team, mailing helpers, choir, and intercessory prayer team;
- Various collections for people with financial difficulties;
- Mother's Day carnation sale to benefit Pennsylvanians for Human Life;
- Earth day highway cleanup;
- Care of our facilities through Buildings & Grounds Committee and financial contributions;
- Lay leadership opportunities (Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Ministry Coordinating Commission, committees and projects).

What you give to St John Vianney Parish

God has given each one of us incredible gifts, whatever we need to do what God asks of us. With abilities and resources comes a responsibility to use them to build God's community in the home, the parish, and the world. You give much to the parish by being the best person and the best family you can be. As a household your commitment to worship, grow, connect, and serve is essential to our partnership in mission.

WORSHIP: You praise God and grow closer with Christ by

- Making presence and active participation in Sunday Mass a priority;
- Encouraging one another to pray daily and read Scripture;
- Offering one another a simple blessing such as "Good night, God bless you, and I love you" every night before bed;
- Participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year.

GROW: You become better disciples, no matter what your age, by

- Participating in a parish educational program such as Bible study or FORMED (online);
- Taking part in one spiritual event such as the Parish Mission or Stations of the Cross;
- Reading one spiritual book or subscribing to a Catholic magazine;
- Joining a small prayer or faith-sharing group;
- Faithfully attending children's religious education sessions.

CONNECT: You strengthen bonds within the family and the parish community by

- Treating others with kindness and respect;
- Eating at least one weekly meal together at home, free of electronic distractions, talking and listening to one another, cooking together, lingering at the table for a while, and cleaning up together;
- Greeting and showing hospitality to people at church, including those you don't know;
- Attending at least one parish social function every year.

SERVE: You show Jesus' presence through acts of love, serving as individuals or a family through a parish ministry such as

- Welcome Team
- Mailing helpers
- Music ministry (choir, song leader, instrumentalist)
- Intercessory prayer team
- Volunteering during a parish function
- Providing food for a parish event
- Assisting with a parish service project