

## St. Cecilia Parish Mission Statement

### *Sharing God's Gifts Serving Others In Christ's Love*

As the Year of Faith for the Universal Church comes to an end, we are excited to launch a Mission Statement for our parish.

The Mission Statement was formulated over many months. We asked for input from parishioners and received over 50 suggestions. A committee met to glean the best and most basic goals. With the help of the Holy Spirit, these eight words came together in a way that summarized all our best efforts.

It is our hope that all parishioners will learn these eight words, and that they will guide us as a community of faith in all our future work.

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#### **Sharing:**

We journey in faith, not as 'rugged individuals', but as a community, working collaboratively together. Our personal gifts are to be used for the benefit of others in the spirit of selflessness (St. Paul's analogy of the human body as the Body of Christ from Romans 12: 4-8)

#### **God's:**

We acknowledge a Creator from Whom everything flows and to Whom all will return. God is the ultimate source of everything that exists.

#### **Gifts:**

Recognizing that everything we have is a gift from the Creator and our response is that of gratitude. We are not owners, but rather stewards of what has been entrusted to us.

#### **Serving:**

Reaching out to the needs of others. We are not a self-serving 'club' bent on simply maintaining our own comfort and security, but rather a community with a mission of witnessing to the message of the Gospel to the world.

#### **Others:**

This includes those of our parish, our universal Church, those of other faith traditions, those who claim to have no faith, and in general, all of God's children.

#### **In Christ's:**

We are a Christian community, not merely a service club. Jesus Christ is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life' for us. We acknowledge Him as the perfect human presence of the Creator, as articulated in our creed of belief.

#### **Love:**

Acknowledging that Love is the ultimate basis of God's message – a love that translates into action, which surpasses mere feelings and emotions, and shows itself in sacrifices, conscious choices and decision making.