

5. "Living our plan" - Programs for 2013 -17

Key themes and activities have been grouped together in eight programs forming our pastoral plan. We are hoping to deliver these activities in 2013-2017, with the support, commitment and help of our parishioners.

Establish Parish Council Management

Team comprising:

- SVDP Parish Leadership Team
- Community Worship Team
- Community Social Team
- Community Youth Team
- Parish Communications Team
- Parish Community Outreach Team
- Community Seniors Team
- Community Faith Development Team

Discovering Our Youth Program

- Youth Consultation and Planning Program
- Youth Support Presentation Series
- Secondary School Support Program
- Young Adult Encounter Program
- Youth Club
- Special interest Groups (e.g. music, sports, etc.)

Social Justice and Outreach Program

- Parish Partnership with the Columbans
- Community Outreach Program
- Community Sponsored Immersion Programs (Young Adults)

Celebration of Faith Program

- Celebrating Our Mass Program
- First Holy Communion Program
- Children's Worship Program
- Youth Worship Program

Building Community Program

- Annual Parish Dinner Dance
- Annual Parish Community Picnic
- Parish Community Garden
- Community Activities, Events and Exercise Program
- Community Presentation Series

Senior Citizens Program

- Seniors Presentation Series
- Activities and Exercise Program
- Senior Citizens Resources and Support Group

Communications and Resource Program

- Develop SVDP Communication Strategy
- Establish Parish website and social media
- Integrate Parish/School Communications
- Community skills and contact database

Faith Development Program

- Parish Encounter Program
- Married Couples Encounter Program
- Community Faith Development Program
- Annual Community Retreat

St Vincent de Paul Parish Pastoral Plan 2013-17

Our future plan for building a welcoming community for everyone.



1. Why have a plan?

Commencing in August 2012, we have been working on developing a long-term strategic plan to better shape the future development of our parish.

Our strategic plan is intended to provide a clear vision for the parish's future, balancing the spiritual, community and material needs of the parish, while taking into account the needs of different groups in our parish community.

2. Developing the plan with your ideas

Various discussion groups were held across the parish, involving around 60 parishioners of all different ages, sharing their views and ideas.

As input for the plan, these discussions were focused around hearing from our parishioners their views on questions like:

- What currently works well in the parish?
- What areas could be improved?
- What other things could we do which we currently don't do?

3. What you told us

From our discussions, 4 major themes and focus areas were identified.

Leadership: promoting greater participation and leadership of parishioners in parish life.

Sense of community: ensuring a parish community, where everyone feels welcome to worship together.

Young people: motivating, involving and retaining our young people in parish life through school and beyond.

Supporting those in need: inspired by the example of St Vincent de Paul, building up our support and efforts in helping those in need in our community.

Want to know more what our parishioners thought?

You can read the complete Pastoral Plan at the Parish website:

<http://www.cam.org.au/strathmore>

4. We need your help... now.

Making our parish plan a reality and building a strong future for the parish requires help ... your help.

This is your opportunity to make a real difference and help shape the future of your parish.

We are currently looking for volunteers as:

- Program Leaders
- Program Team Members

This is your opportunity to make a real difference and become more involved in your parish.

Contact us at:

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