



SAINT RAPHAEL CHURCH

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

2021 - 2026



Photo Taken July 20, 2019

VISION STATEMENT:

We, the community of St. Raphael, passionately immersed in the gospel values of Jesus Christ, envision a faithfilled community that brings self and others closer to God.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Following the example of Jesus Christ, through the intercession of our blessed Mother and St. Raphael, we commit ourselves to witness to all God's love story.



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INTRODUCTION:

As the world continues to battle this global pandemic & everyone meets the challenges of living in these unprecedented times, our Parish is certainly no exception to feel the impact on Churches all over the world. Nevertheless, our constant faith in God is what drives us up to continue our Church life and plan for a better future.

For over a year now, our Parish Pastoral Council has developed a five (5) year Pastoral plan. The plan is intended to guide the Parish community over the next five years (2021 – 2026).

The PPC members brain-stormed & refined their collective ideas identifying the areas of priorities namely:

1. Stewardship & Leadership Development
2. Worship & Faith Formation
3. Family & Community
4. Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Then the PPC narrowed them to specific goals, objectives and action plans.

We are in great hope that while we are living in these unlikely circumstances brought by the pandemic, this plan will be embraced & implemented by all (leaders & the faithful) for a better service of our Church and for the greater glory of God.

1. Stewardship & Leadership Development

Goal: That the Parish Community of St. Raphael be able to embrace stewardship as way of life in sharing and multiplying the God given gifts of everyone for the enrichment of the Church in today's modern world.

Objective A:

To ensure our parishioners, regardless of age, gender and social status, are well- informed about stewardship and how it applies for the service of God and of the Church.

Action Plan:

1. Praying the Diocese Stewardship Prayer before the Mass starts and in every Council or Ministry meeting.
2. Provide Quarterly (topics) "Theology on Tap" events through solicited topics of conversation in line with Stewardship.
3. Coordinate scheduling of speakers based on related topics and fellowship activities.
4. Distribute and collect surveys of interest on ministries available for parishioners so they can join and commit.



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"As each received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"

1 Peter 4:10

On Leadership Development

Goal: To develop present and future servant-leaders who are committed in building up a Parish community rooted in faith, hope and love.

Objective B:

To ensure our leaders (present and future) are called to a humble service in the ministries entrusted to them.

Action Plan:

1. Encourage present leaders to attend on-going formation through workshops/seminars that will not only enhance their leadership skills but will also form their hearts and minds on servant-leadership.
2. Incorporate mentorship programs by the present leaders to potential future leaders identified and recommended by ministry heads and the Pastor.
3. Create opportunities for future leaders as they discern on the ministries they could commit based from their God-given gifts.



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“And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers to equip the Holy over for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of full stature of Christ”

Ephesians 4:11-14

2. Worship and Faith Formation

Goal: To build a worshipping community inspired by the Word of God strengthened from the Sacraments and empowered by the Holy Spirit through enhanced and engaging liturgical celebrations.

Objective A:

To ensure our liturgical celebrations are welcoming, inspiring and engaging so that everyone can actively participate and feel empowered.

Objective B:

By actively participating in the liturgies, the Parish Community will be more enriched and deepened in its Faith life.

Action Plan

1. Continuous catechesis on Sacraments (ie. Mass, Baptism, Reconciliation, etc.).
2. Invite speakers who are proficient on topics (liturgy, spirituality, etc.).
3. Encourage everyone to attend recollection/retreats (i.e. Advent/Lent).
4. Invite others in praying novenas, form prayer groups (i.e. Rosary Club, Divine Mercy, etc.).
5. Enhance formation opportunities for liturgical ministers.



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Faith Formation

Goal: To build up a strong foundation of the Catholic faith among our children through our enhanced religious programs and with these they will be able to develop a growing personal relationship with God through the Church.

Objective: To ensure those involved in the Faith-formation of our children (parents and Catechists) will work collaboratively in assessing the Psycho-spiritual needs of every child.

Action Plan:

1. Encourage families to be involved/engaged in the Faith Formation of their children while in the process of receiving their sacraments.
2. Catechists are highly encouraged to continue their on-going Faith-formation training and workshops approved by the Diocese and take opportunities to attend religious congress with topics pertaining to Faith Formation.



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“Train up a child in the way he/she should go: even when he/she is old he/she will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

3. Family and Community

Goal: To build families rooted in Faith through Catholic teachings, good Christian family values and religious education.

Objective A:

To ensure family values are lived in line with the Catholic Faith and their spiritual needs are met and are helped in their socio-economic conditions.

Objective B:

By following the mission to advocate rich family values (i.e. Filipino family values, etc.), families can create a positive impact the community.

Action Plan

1. Encourage families to be involved in the Faith Formation of their children as they receive the Sacraments.
2. Host more church-family related activities (i.e. Parish picnic, family day, Baccalaureate Mass, Joys of Christmas and Easter Egg Hunts.
3. Celebrate and promote cultural religious tradition as part of evangelization to other cultures.
4. Encourage families to participate in other organizational events that involves families (i.e. FCC, Misa de Gallo, Feast of Filipino Saints, etc.)

Objective C:

To ensure we give pastoral care and services to those families in need of assistance (i.e. Homebound, elderly, homeless families, low-income level families).

Action Plan:

1. Be vigilant in reporting family members who are ill and homebound are visited and remembered.
2. Work closely with bereaved families with their requests for prayers and funeral services.
3. Fundraising events to provide educational scholarships for students of low income families.
4. Assist in food pantry and food distribution for those who are in need.



Easter Egg Hunt 2017



Kilauea Plantation Parade 2016

4. Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Goal: Help and guide our Youth to have a strong foundation of the Catholic faith as they grow and mature to adulthood.

Objective A:

To ensure our Youth are welcomed in our church and their God-given gifts are acknowledged and to ensure their contribution provides enrichment to the Life of the Church.

Action Plan

1. Create opportunities that interest our Youth to come to our Church through youth related activities and gatherings (i.e. Youth Mass, fun run, sports, etc).
2. Give them opportunities and provide guidance to make plans for themselves on Youth activities and gatherings.
3. Encourage them to collaborate with other Youth Organizations in the Vicariate and the Diocese.
4. Provide financial and moral support for Youth gatherings, training and workshops available to them either locally or Internationally (i.e. World Youth Day, LA Congress, etc.)

On Young Adult Ministry

Goal: Help and guide our Youth in their stages of adulthood to attain full maturity in their faith life as they discern in choosing their vocation in life while still remaining involved in the Life of the Church.

Objective B:

To ensure collaboration and assisting people in all stages of life.

Action Plan:

1. Create opportunities and provide guidance as they discern, create and plan for themselves in whatever vocation they choose.
2. Encourage them to be involved in the different ministries available so they can commit to maintain balance for their personal lives.
3. Empower them, through age-appropriate inspirational talks by speakers invited locally or internationally.



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But the Lord answered me, Do not say “I am too young.” To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Jeremiah 1:7

CONCLUSION

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”

1 Corinthians 12:1-6

We are all gifted and graced by the Lord. The Parish Pastoral Plan was created through prayer and discernment with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our call to live the steward's way of life is the key to attain and achieve our endeavors for the future of our parish life.

With the helpful intercession of Our Blessed Mother and our Patron Saint Raphael, we may work collaboratively and in unity to fulfill our vision and mission.

The implementation of the Parish Pastoral Plan will be executed, reviewed and assessed annually. This will guide the Parish to develop strategic future Parish Pastoral Plans as the community continues to evolve and grow.