

Resurrection Catholic Community Pastoral Plan 2015-2017



Resurrection Catholic Community is a Catholic parish family open to all people who wish to join us in our commitment to grow in Christ and to accept the challenges of loving service.

As a Catholic family we all share in responsibility for the mission and needs of the community, each one of us according to the gifts that God has given us.

Guided by the Holy Spirit
in a prayerful process of community discernment,
we have identified our strengths and gifts,
as well as several areas in which we feel called by God
to grow and develop.

1. Evangelization, Discipleship, Stewardship

A. We will increase our efforts to be a welcoming community.

Growing Our Membership

1. We will form a team to develop a strategy to make visitors and residents of Aptos aware of Resurrection and what it has to offer them
 - a. Include advertising and sharing of information and activities in electronic and printed media, especially through the expansion of the parish website.
2. Train resource people who can share information at church about the life of the community with potential members

Welcoming New Members

1. Expand registration form to include space for them to identify their known gifts and interests for service as well as their needs and expectations of the community.
2. Put registration/request cards in pews. This will include the opportunity to ask for pastoral care and/or a visit from a parishioner.
 - a. To this end, the need for a new member outreach team will be discerned.
3. New members will receive a welcome letter from the Pastor which invites them:
 - a. to take the Strengths Finder survey to see how they might use their strengths to share in responsibility for the mission and needs of the community.
 - b. to join an Arise house meeting group.
 - c. to attend the next Food & Faith luncheon (and the mass preceding it) to be welcomed by the community.
4. New members will be welcomed in the bulletin.
5. Those who celebrate sacraments will be acknowledged in the bulletin.

- B. We will invite all our members to deepen their commitment to the mission and needs of the community.
1. All ministries and contact persons will be listed on the inside back cover of the bulletin.
 2. Have a planned giving workshop to help members discern their financial giving to the community.
 3. Establish post-Arise permanent house meeting groups to continue faith-sharing, discipleship, community discernment and community building.
 4. Expand opportunities for people to further develop their spiritual practices through prayer and study.
- C. We will discern the expansion/renovation of Markey Center to meet our growing needs for meeting, classroom, outreach, hospitality and office space.
1. We will develop and submit a plan for Markey Center to the County Planning Department by March 2016
- D. We will develop a pastoral transition plan to prepare the community to receive our new pastor in June 2016.

2. Youth and Young Adults

- A. We will continue to expand our outreach to youth and to develop the gifts and discipleship of our youth. Youth ministry is understood as ministry to youth and by youth.
1. Engage our youth members in a mutual discernment of needs and responsibilities, allowing them to discover and use their gifts in service
 2. Youth in 2nd-year Confirmation will take the Strengths Finder Survey
 3. Youth will be given regular opportunities to shape and direct youth ministry, both to meet their needs and their need to serve.

4. We will develop a Post-Confirmation group for 11th & 12th Graders.
 - a. Will meet at the same time as Youth Group and have both shared and separate activities.
 - b. Will focus on utilizing their gifts as fully-initiated members of the Church
 - c. Will have opportunities to mentor younger youth as well as be mentored by young adults and adults

B. We will expand our Young Adult ministry.

1. We will continue to gather Young Adult leaders to identify their needs and to discern a plan for meeting those needs.

3. Outreach

- A. We will hire a Senior Resource Coordinator to help our senior members and their families in the transitions from independent to assisted living.
- B. We will work with other faith communities to provide emergency, temporary shelter for homeless members of our greater community.
- C. We will work through COPA to increase affordable housing in Santa Cruz County.