

LIST OF PASTORAL PRIORITIES

2016 ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL ASSEMBLY

ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

Catechesis and Faith Formation (Children, Youth and Adults)

- Catechist Formation
- Curriculum
- Catechetical materials
- Catholic Identity and Witness, especially in Catholic Schools

Divine Worship

- Emphasis on the sacred liturgy as forming us in the Faith
- Liturgical formation for sacred ministers and lay ecclesial ministers
- Emphasis on liturgical practice according to the mind and discipline of the Church
- Sacred Music

Catholic Young Adult Ministry

- Connecting them to the Church and to each other
- Faith formation and spirituality
- Social activity
- Service ministry to the poor

Vocations

- Creating a culture for promoting local vocations, including from among the various cultural groups in the diocese
- An emphasis on priestly vocations for the future
- Develop an archdiocesan wide strategy of prayer and awareness

Marriage and Family Life

- Marriage preparation programs – common expectations throughout the Archdiocese
- Support for new marriages
- Help for struggling families
- Marriage enrichment
- Support and resources for raising children
- Natural Family Planning

Works of Mercy

- Promoting an understanding of the Church's social teaching and the corporal and spiritual works of mercy
- Identifying and serving those in need
- Social activism – bring about positive social change on issues such as life, the environment, immigration, criminal justice system

Cultural Diversity as an overarching theme