

A Parish Charter: Celebrating Vatican II

We, the Parishioners of St..... celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, and express our commitment to the Council's call for renewal of the Church and to our mission as the People of God.

Our parish community, as a gathering of the People of God in (town)....., commits itself to being a Vatican II Charter Parish responding to the call in the Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World..

We will be a Church community striving:

1. To reveal the saving presence of the Risen Christ to the people around us by sharing His Good News and continuing His concern for the poor and needy in our parish;
2. To be one in Christ, and committed to trying to read the signs of the times, and to interpreting them in the light of the Gospel.
3. To foster regular daily prayer in our lives, nourishing them with regular participation in the Parish/Community Eucharist.
4. To make every effort to be an open, transparent, compassionate and accountable Church, which respects due process, rejects every form of discrimination, listens to its people and promotes co-responsibility in every facet of its mission and ministry.;
5. To become an outward-facing Church totally committed to justice, peace, ecumenism and dialogue with other faiths, and which advocates unequivocally for the rights of the oppressed and disadvantaged while tending practically to their needs;
6. an inclusive parish, developing pastoral strategies to welcome and support all, particularly the marginalised;

To carry out this mission as urged by Vatican II, our parish will maintain a Parish Pastoral Council including our priests, the other

members of our Parish Leadership Team and representatives elected by parish members, which;

prepares a Parish Pastoral Plan reviewed annually in consultation with parishioners

maintains a Parish Finance Committee which presents an annual audited financial statement of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the parish

promotes transparency and accountability in our parish and diocese

ensures the resolution of any disputes in accordance with Christian principles and seeks the reconciliation of parties to disputes. As the People of God seeking the Kingdom of God, we pray that the Spirit will guide us all ever closer to the Father through Jesus and our participation in our parish community. We adopt this Charter as an expression of our commitment to Christ, to the Church and to all members of our wider community. We sign this document on behalf of the people of the Parish of _____ as a way of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council,

this ____ day of _____ 2014.

_____ Chair of our
Parish Pastoral Council

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_____ Confirmed by Our Parish Priest