

# Missional Community



A stable eucharistic group of disciples of Jesus, under the leadership of a pastor, formed within the community to accept the great commission of Jesus and equipped by the Holy Spirit to witness the Gospel to their neighbors.

*Salt. Light. Leaven. Encounter. Accompany. Influence.  
Outgoing. Friendship.*

## 3 Key Characteristics

Signs that a parish is moving from maintenance to mission



### **Collaborative Leadership:**

The pastor acknowledges gifts of leadership in certain clergy and laity and invites them to collaborate with him and each other to form and sustain the parish as a missional community.

*Shared mission/vision. Formed in prayer. Frequent meetings. Clarity of purpose. Accountability.*

### **Clear Path of Discipleship:**

A parish framework designed to help both new and experienced parishioners take the next step in their formation as missionary disciples of Jesus. This effort acknowledges the importance of ongoing formation and of the dynamism of the Holy Spirit offered to individuals and to the community.

*Overseen by leadership. Relational. Invitation. Evaluated for fruitfulness/effectiveness. School families. Sacramental preparation.*

### **Culture of Generosity:**

The cultivation within the parish of thanksgiving to God for material and spiritual gifts and the expectation that these gifts are meant to be offered generously for the benefit of parishioners and the wider community.

*Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy. Stewardship. Preferential Option for the Poor. Deacons. Healing. Community offered as antidote for isolation. How is the person of Jesus experienced/communicated in worship, in gratitude, in times of need?*