

Report for the St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Pastoral Council
Mission & Outreach
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Summary & Role:

From the parish web page:

“Our Mission & Outreach Ministries foster life and dignity for all, and are a source of Christian compassion and justice to satisfy physical, social and spiritual hunger. Our programs seek to find where God will best be served, and where people are in the greatest need. While each program may serve a unique area of need, all are part of one body working to serve the greater good, a seamless integration of services to fulfill the parish’s Christian vision.”

The Corporal Works of Mercy (from usccb.org):

Feed the hungry--Give drink to the thirsty--Shelter the homeless--Visit the sick--Give alms to the poor

Leadership & Participants:

Director (paid staff) and many volunteers

Responsible for the following programs (see supplement for details):

- Arden, Arcade and Carmichael Faith Communities (representing 21 faith communities), co-coordinator
- Community Assistance, which includes, financial assistance, furniture, advising and referrals
- Ecumenical and Interreligious Ministry
- Representative/member of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Commission for the Diocese of Sacramento
- Board of Trustees of the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento
- Elderly Visitation Ministry
- Family Promise, liaison and coordination of volunteers
- Feed A Family, Advent and Lent
- Health Ministry
- International Potluck
- Just Faith, assist leaders with overall coordination
- Loaves & Fishes
- Respect Life
- Seder Meal, parish
- Sharing God’s Bounty
- Sister Parish
- Social Concerns
- Stitches4Good
- Thomas Edison Language Institute Tutoring secure volunteers, liaison with school

- Xavier Ministry and Legion of Mary, trained volunteers. Communion to homebound which include parishioners residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and retirement centers.

New programs are added when suggested to parish staff, and volunteers come forward

Volunteer leadership: Director meets monthly with a group of leaders from the various areas. These leaders are people who are very active in their chosen ministry; there is no formal process for entering this role.

Budget:

- Donations, 5th Sunday
- Donations for Sharing God’s Bounty
- Donations for Feed A Family
- General donation for Mission & Outreach
- Parish budget

Communication

- The parish website
- Weekly bulletin

What we do well:

- Achieve many of the Corporal Works of Mercy
- Serve our parish and surrounding community
- Collaborative and meaningful relationships with interfaith communities.
- Global involvement with our Sister Parish

Where we struggle:

- Communication: Getting information out to the parish/school regarding events, keeping parishioners aware of all the ministries, advertising what we do and what we need
- Recruiting volunteers (at times); would love to have a database of names
- Succession planning for resource intensive programs such as SGB
- Lack storage space for furniture, calls offering to donate furniture still come in, and need for furniture still come in to Mission & Outreach

Ideas for improvement:

- Opportunities for informing the parish/school of what M & O is doing and where help is needed with resources including donations and volunteers.
- Transportation ministry
- Work with our interfaith community on furniture storage.
- Maximize the web page with information and links for donations.
- Give each ministry one Sunday a year to “promote” themselves at weekend Masses