

Christ the King and St. Fabian Churches

Mission Statement for Collaboration

Christ the King and St. Fabian Parishes propose to collaborate in many aspects of their respective faith-based communities, as the parishes jointly explore ways they can come together to share their talents, time and vision to enhance not only each parish, but also the good works, outreach, and evangelization presently done by each parish separately. As part of the universal, catholic church, St. Fabian and Christ the King propose to reach beyond the artificial boundaries of their respective vicariates to allow both parishes to become more vibrant and visible presences in the greater Detroit metropolitan community. Each parish recognizes the importance of reaching across the cultural, social, and economic boundaries between the city and suburban parishes to capitalize on the diversity of gifts and experiences present in both parishes.

Christ the King and St. Fabian are strong parishes, each with its own vibrant ministries in the areas of Worship, Religious Education, and Christian Service. These ministries, however, are primarily focused on the local community of each parish. The two churches propose a collaboration which would allow each to experience concerns beyond their present parish and vicariate, enabling each parish to participate more fully in the ministry and service of the church. This collaboration may lead to tasks and services that can be accomplished jointly, that often could not be accomplished by a local community acting in isolation. In the belief that people are enriched, but also challenged, by sharing experiences beyond their own circumstances or culture, it is believed that this collaboration will result in a whole larger than the sum of the pieces.

This collaboration is not an economic-based collaboration. Each of these parishes is, and plans to be, financially viable far into the future. However, we do foresee some systematic exchange of pastoral services, to our mutual benefit. For example, the pastor of Christ the King could be available to assist in sacramental ministry and adult formation at St. Fabian, and St. Fabian could invite teens from Christ the King to participate in their youth ministry programs. The goal of this collaboration is that the unique identity of each parish will be respected and maintained while sharing in the stewardship of selected programs, projects and ministerial activities.