



## PASTORAL PLAN – November 2015

### I. INTRODUCTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The final command of the Lord, before He ascended to the Father, to His Apostles was to preach the Good News to all the nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. For over two thousand years, the Church has been faithful to the mission given her by Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church of the Incarnation, since its founding in 1978, has also been faithful to the same commands. As such, we are committed to the teachings of Jesus and those of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Our liturgical celebrations are hope filled, our ministries are spirit filled, and our sense of mission extends to the entire community. As disciples of the Lord, each of us has a responsibility, by our common baptism, to preach the Word and to bring others to Christ. We, as a parish, are committed to our sense of mission. I hope and pray that our pastoral and business plan is faithful to the Master.

In Christ,

Rev. Ernie DeBlasio, Pastor

### II. MISSION STATEMENT OF INCARNATION PARISH

**To bring Christ, the Eucharist, and the Sacraments to every parishioner,  
so that they may become disciples to the Collierville community.**

*Love God, Love Others, And Make Disciples.*

### III. VISION STATEMENT

The Catholic Church of the Incarnation is a powerhouse of prayer, especially as we celebrate the Eucharist with enthusiasm and joy while being on fire for the Lord. We are a light that draws others to Christ.

#### **IV. OBJECTIVES AND GOALS**

##### **A. CELEBRATES THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE AND PROVIDE ENGAGING LITURGIES FOR OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY.**

1. Support the development of meaningful liturgical celebrations.
2. Help make the sacraments come alive for the parish.
3. Encourage a Eucharistic spirituality among the youth.

##### **B. EVANGELIZATION: WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST. WE HEED GOD'S COMMAND TO SHARE HIS NAME WITH THE WORLD.**

1. We look for the opportunity to invite all souls to join us.
2. As a parish church, we want insiders to reach outsiders.

##### **C. CREATE AND SUSTAIN A WELCOMING SPIRIT AND GENUINE INCLUSION INTO OUR DIVERSE PARISH FAMILY.**

1. Promote a vibrant social life in the parish.
2. Support outreach for all people with disabilities.
3. Enhance communications throughout the parish.

##### **D. FORM AND EQUIP DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.**

1. Support excellence in religious education and faith formation for all children in our parish.
2. Support excellence at the Incarnation Catholic School.
3. Support adults and senior parishioners on their own faith journeys.
4. Support our youth and young adults as active members of our community.

##### **E. STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION, COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION AMONG ALL GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE PARISH.**

1. Support and deepen the parish commitment to pastoral care and building parish community.
2. Empower parishioners and staff to discern their call to leadership within the parish.
3. Review all ministries for consistency with the parish plan - mission, vision, values, goals and best practices.