St. Frances Cabrini Parish Community Parish Pastoral Plan Part One Purpose Statement and Vision Statement

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During the past year, I have been privileged to be a member of a talented and singularly devoted group of parishioners whom you know as the Parish Envisioning Team. We have been regularly mentioned in the weekly Prayer of the Faithful so that through God's help we may formulate a plan for the future of St. Frances Cabrini Parish. Throughout this time, we have evaluated and discussed various reports and demographic studies related to our parish community. This information was part of a process to discern what it means for each one of us to be part of the St. Frances Cabrini Parish Community. Our strengths and opportunities were considered in developing a plan for our future. In our analysis, we determined that we are a vibrant parish moving toward a promising future through the engagement of each one of us. With these ideas in mind, our team formulated the following Purpose Statement which essentially states why our parish exists as well as our role as Catholics:

"The purpose of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish is to be reverently and passionately committed to the Liturgy and celebration of the Eucharist. Our Parish Community is a Catholic family ignited by the love of Christ, embracing compassion, love, and mutual respect for each other. We encourage and welcome everyone to share our life journey bearing witness to the teachings of Jesus Christ and joyfully praising God in our everyday lives."

Emanating from the ideas expressed in this purpose statement, we then looked forward to opportunities for the continued growth of our parish. We realized that God has blessed each one of us with some talent, ability, or gift to offer ensuring that our Parish will continue to be a vital part of our community. This vision for our parish future is proposed in the following statement:

"Through the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit, our Parish is committed to future growth and strengthening through involvement, support, and participation in liturgy, ministries, education, and faith formation programs. In doing so, our parishioners will experience spiritual growth providing intentional disciples for the evangelization of the teachings of Jesus Christ."

In the coming weeks, additional information will be forthcoming detailing how the ideas expressed in the Purpose and Vision Statements can be realized.