

St. Frances Cabrini Parish Community

Parish Pastoral Plan

Part Four

Values and Beliefs

Community

Throughout our work with the Parish Envisioning Team, we came to know parishioners whom we otherwise would not have met. We've been so blessed to become fully engaged and immersed in our Parish. Our Parish Envisioning Team recognized early on that one of our biggest strengths at St. Frances Cabrini is the group of people who make up our Parish. We are lucky to be a part of this *community*.

Our Parish Envisioning Team defined community as: ***We believe that community is the fundamental element of our Parish. We are an embracing and inviting family of faith believers with Christ as the center of our lives and we are united by our love for Christ and our love for one another.***

As a Parish Community, we are a group of dedicated believers who create an environment of love, welcome, and unity. Our community, of course, is made up of all of us - the people, God's people! We have an eclectic group of parishioners from various backgrounds, with different skills, and different jobs. Each is called upon to serve the Lord in their own unique way and we are blessed to learn from and with one another. We are a sum of our parts, and we are stronger and better, together.

As a couple, as well as individuals, we've experienced nothing but an open and inviting presence from the wonderful team and people at St. Frances Cabrini. As we prepared for the sacrament of marriage, we were embraced by the entire staff and community at St. Frances Cabrini. From our initial meetings with Monsignor McCormac, to Pre-Cana and subsequent follow up, to the wisdom of everyone involved in our planning process – we felt the Lord's presence and guidance every step along the way. We know that the education, the ministries, and the services which our Parish offers all share the same sense of warmth and welcoming.

We invite and encourage our entire community to reflect on the goodness that the Lord has bestowed upon us to be in this Church, this Parish, at this time. Please take advantage of the many services that our pastoral team so carefully plans and offers. Above all, encourage all those you know to share in our celebration of the Good News and show them the warmth and love that is the St. Frances Cabrini Parish.

With love and gratitude,

Robert & Kelsey Cole