

Vision:
Called to Life - Compelled to Love

Mission Statement:
**Ignited by the irresistible love of Jesus and renewed by the Holy Spirit,
 we partner with God to deepen faith, join God’s mission, and care for God’s world.**

Objective and Strategies	
1	<p>Create and implement opportunities to ignite and strengthen faith</p> <p><u>Strategies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Grow the Niagara School for Missional Leadership to equip lay and ordained leaders for missional ministry. B. Hire a coordinator to support and enhance faith formation initiatives within parishes and missions. C. Provide resources, guidance, and support to parishes and missions to build relationships with and start initiatives for those who have left church or have never belonged to a church. D. Nurture lifelong discipleship and spiritual growth with a specific focus on the faith formation of young adults.
2	<p>Strengthen the missional culture of the diocese and support contextual mission</p> <p><u>Strategies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Develop parishes that both nurture existing worshipping communities and start new contextual missional initiatives; a mixed ecology model. B. Invest resources to grow existing and new missions in the diocese, with a focus on long-term sustainability through responsible financial stewardship. C. Share missional stories to spark imagination and inspire new possibilities for ministry. D. Promote stewardship best practices, encourage entrepreneurial and creative approaches to sustain and expand ministries, and maximize the use of assets such as church buildings to support missional endeavours.
3	<p>Prioritize social and environmental justice</p> <p>The Gospel calls us to work to transform unjust structures, uphold the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of Creation. While we are called by God to challenge all forms of injustice, our diocese will place particular emphasis on promoting anti-racism initiatives, combating human trafficking, supporting migrant farmworkers, addressing the homelessness and housing crisis, fostering truth and reconciliation, and confronting the climate crisis.</p> <p><u>Strategies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Provide tools, strategies, and resources for prayer and advocacy for parishes and missions to amplify our collective voice. B. Prioritize partnerships by fostering collaboration and collective action among parishes, missions, community partners and ecumenical organizations to further God’s justice. C. Cultivate a lived faith that promotes justice initiatives to address unjust structures while attending to the spiritual needs of our neighbours.

