



Dear Parishioners,

Together, last July, we began a new adventure whereby we became the new Parish of Saint Josephine Bakhita. There have been challenges, but we must not forget, there have been many wonderful breakthroughs and triumphs. Therefore, we have been encouraged by Archbishop Blair to explore ways to build on the progress of growing a new and united community of faith. Moreover, to explore a process that would honor the past, appreciate the traditions and the gifts of both communities... while opening up new opportunities and build new traditions.

Therefore, we decided to use a process of strategic planning that would formally assist us in this exploration and continue our progress in building a community. A planning process that would offer opportunities to express our feelings about change, and yet, discover new ways of being an ever more vibrant and dynamic parish for decades and generations to come.

It is fortunate that Saint Josephine Bakhita was chosen to be our new patron and our inspiration. We especially hear her wisdom when she so elegantly says that **"The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone... we must be compassionate!"** Her simple words are awesome guideposts for our journey together as a new parish built on the foundation of love, respect, compassion and a common faith.

With the guidance of the Parish Pastoral Council, a steering committee was established, several months ago, that designed and implemented a strategic planning process that included focus groups, large group input sessions, visioning sessions, etc. I am ever so grateful to this committee for their commitment and time given to this process: Sr. Judith Carey, RSM, Lisa Orchen, Jo-Ellen Vendetti, Aaron Kostoss and Michael Camilleri.

Fr. George Couturier

Pastor

*"May we all commit to living
our Vision as a United Community."*

Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish



Strategic Plan Vision and Goals

2018 – 2021



Our Vision Statement

2018-2021

Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish is a Christ centered, Roman Catholic faith community.

We are committed to:

- ◆ being a welcoming, inclusive and hospitable parish
- ◆ celebrating vibrant Eucharistic liturgies for all ages
- ◆ valuing innovative, lifelong and intergenerational faith formation
- ◆ embracing technology in service of our ministry
- ◆ valuing an unwavering commitment to social justice and compassionate outreach to all



GOALS

1. To provide opportunities for all parishioners to deepen their personal relationship with Christ and solidarity in faith with one another.
2. To maximize opportunities to build a positive parish culture and enable all to experience a sense of belonging.
3. To intentionally enhance our liturgical experiences, featuring inspiring music and preaching.
4. To develop and implement an innovative, comprehensive, intergenerational, lifelong faith formation program.
5. To use technology creatively to enhance connectedness within the parish, innovative communications platforms and support our faith formation program.
6. To develop robust ministries of service to the parish and to fulfill our Gospel call to social justice.