

Pastoral Priority VII

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

1. Our parish respects and appreciates the different cultures represented in our membership, and we are enriched by their inclusion.
2. Our parish leadership reflects our cultural diversity, and it seeks to ensure a proper response to the diverse needs and concerns of all language and cultural groups as well as to foster their full integration into the life of the parish.
3. Where cultural groups do not have substantial membership on the parish pastoral and finance councils, their needs and concerns, as well as their integration in the parish, are addressed by committees related to the office of the pastor.
4. We are committed to developing a sense of community among all the members of our parish, including all cultures, and we reach out to those who are not active participants.
5. While we foster the participation of everyone in all of our parish ministries and activities, we welcome the traditional devotions and practices specific to members of our various cultures.
6. We give ongoing attention to the identification and development of potential Church leaders from our different cultures so that they might provide the leadership necessary for collaboration by everyone in achieving our parish goals and objectives.