

## **HOLY FAMILY PASTORAL PLAN**

September 2024

*The Pastoral Plan of Holy Family Parish is built upon the goals of the Southeast Deanery and aligns with the three pillars of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the efforts of the Shaping Our Future Together (SOFT) coalition: Stewardship, Co-Responsibility, and Parishes as Center of Charity and Sanctuaries of Mercy.*

### **Stewardship**

\*Parish Pastoral Council - We should have a full active parish council with committees who meet on a regular basis to facilitate all parish needs and to support all the ministries of the parish; and, who keep parishioners informed on what's going on in their respective committees, i.e., parish financial status.

\*Consider opportunities for sharing of resources within and among parishes, as identified by our coalition committee.

### **Co-Responsibility**

\*Clergy wellbeing – determine which responsibilities of clergy can, with training, be appropriately transferred to laity.

\*Address issues related to the youth of our parish (meeting attendance and activities); get youth interested, involved, and trained in the activities and programs of the parish.

### **Parishes as centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy**

\*Outreach/Social Ministry - We should come up with ways to reach out to others who may need help, including our own parishioners and community, and beyond. Ensure that the sacraments are accessible to all parishioners.

\*Adult faith formation – Encourage use of self-study and group-study resources (such as Franciscan University and Formed); consider hosting a parish mission; promote, coordinate, and participate in pilgrimages; host speakers/presentations on special interest topics; develop/maintain prayer chains; participate in women's ministry retreats as offered throughout the diocese.

\*Training of parishioners who serve in the various Liturgical Roles

\*Hospitality – develop specific plans for welcoming and sustainable inclusion of new parishioners into the parish family; design welcome pamphlets for church pews; provide an introduction to weekend Masses; have greeters before weekend Masses; form a Hospitality Committee, etc.