

# *Pastoral Plan*

*for*

*the Catholic Faith Community*

*of the Bundaberg Region*

*2004-2009*

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## Mission Statement

As a Christian community we work together,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
reaching out to each other and the wider community  
to witness to God's Love revealed in the person of Jesus.

## Area 1: Being community, Working together

**Goal 1.1** To further build up a team of active, faith-filled and committed lay people willing to work together for the good of the faith community

Strategies:

1. Increase active involvement of laity
2. Continue Education and training of laity / Budget for the future
3. Self-assessment / self-evaluation of ministry
4. Develop ongoing support strategies for leaders to guard against high stress & burnout
5. Continue clustering strategies and review on a regular basis the Clustering agreement
6. Liaise with finance committees to explore options for regional fundraising

**Goal 1.2** To continue and to improve our reaching out to each other as a faith community

Strategies:

1. Reach out to those Catholics who don't worship with us and listen to their issues e.g., "Catholics Returning Home" program.
2. Regional Faith Gatherings
3. Social Gatherings
4. Challenging all at our gatherings to be welcoming and to reach out to those they don't know

## Area 2: Being empowered by the Holy Spirit

**Goal 2.1** To further develop joyful and meaningful ways to offer worship to our God

Strategies:

1. Stay abreast of developments in liturgical music
2. Raise awareness of resources available for prayer and devotion
3. Explore possibility of introducing Liturgy of Hours

**Goal 2.2** To continue to offer opportunities for faith development, faith sharing and support

Strategies:

1. Provide scripture courses as the foundation of our faith in Jesus
2. Provide retreats and seminars
3. Continue small group study / discussion groups
4. Continue to encourage prayer in families, small groups and as a community.

## **Area 3: Reaching out witnessing God's Love - Evangelisation**

### **Goal 3.1 To reach out to youth witnessing God's Love**

Strategies:

1. Further develop a Youth group – youth specific activities / retreats
2. Consider inclusion of youth oriented music
3. Promote the above youth activities
4. Survey of local youth issues from their perspective
5. Explore possibilities of having a regular Youth Mass
6. Explore possibilities of Youth Worker

### **Goal 3.2 To monitor the social welfare needs of the Bundaberg community and seek ways to address unmet needs.**

Strategies:

1. Network and work collaboratively within / across Catholic Community
2. Survey of unmet need in community
3. Recruitment & support of volunteers
4. Explore possibility of forming social justice group that links with Diocesan Social Justice Group

### **Goal 3.3 To promote and publicise our faith community**

Strategies:

1. User friendly web-site for Bundaberg Catholic Faith Community
2. Signage – more welcoming messages on message boards
3. Newsletter/Bulletin – recommend occasional change in format to attract interest/ attention.
4. Explore options for promoting Catholic faith to wider community

### **Goal 3.4 To join with other Christian communities in fellowship and prayer**

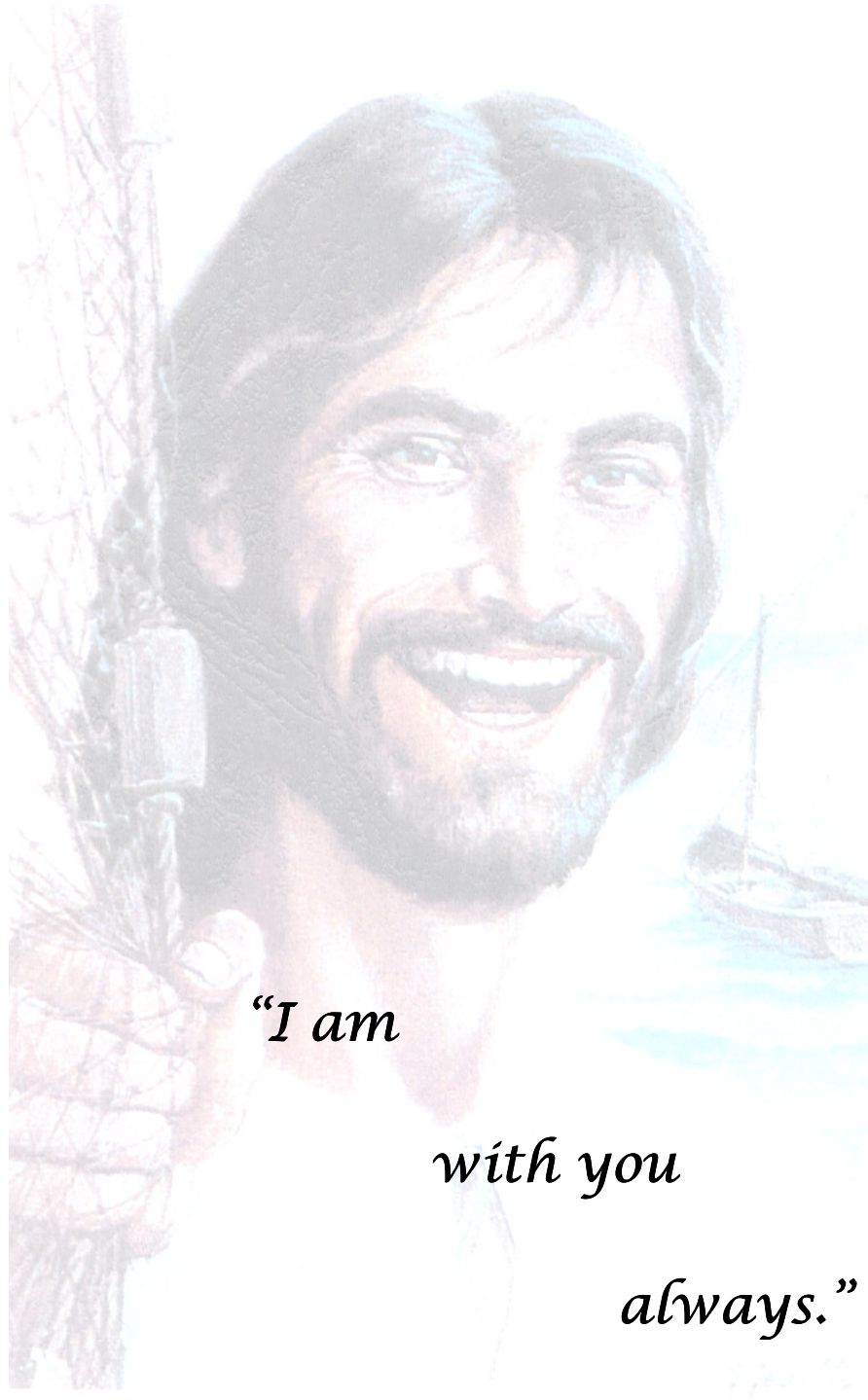
Strategies:

1. Pray together with other Christian Churches more
2. Meet together with other Christian Churches more
3. Unite together with other Christian Churches more

### **Goal 3.5 To increase our reaching out to children in State Schools through the R.E. program**

Strategies:

1. Promotion of R.E. Programs
2. Support network among R.E. teachers
3. Prayer support – prayer cards



*“I am*

*with you*

*always.”*

Matthew 28:20