

Drafting a Mission Statement:

A mission statement should succinctly describe the reason for the existence of your ministry, it can be a paragraph in length or as brief as one sentence and usually contains the following:

- ✚ **Identity** – This part of the statement indicated the identifying elements of the committee/council. (What do we do?)
- ✚ **Purpose** – Focuses on the core values, beliefs, and the reason for the committee/council existence. (How do we do it)
- ✚ **Function** – Identifies the commitments of the committee/council. What does this committee/council do in the broadest sense and to whom it is directed? (Ex. We are committed to...) (Whom do we do it for?)
- ✚ **Future** – Addresses areas of challenge and elements that need strengthening. (Ex. We seek to become...) (What value are we Bringing?)

A sample Mission Statement:

The Mission Statement of the Stewardship Committee is to:

- ✚ Promote the sharing of time, talent and treasure to all (Identity)
- ✚ To promote *Stewardship as a Way of Living*. (Purpose)
- ✚ To help parishioners integrate their prayer life (Function) into what it means to be a steward/disciple of Jesus Christ (Future)