



A Proposed Vision for a Western NC Ordinariate Parish

The mission of this parish will be to evangelize.

Through the reverence and beauty of our worship, study of sacred Scripture, charity for those in need and close-knit and welcoming community we hope to share the joy of being Catholic.

Could/Should this not be the mission of every Catholic parish?

What makes an Ordinariate parish unique is:

Who & How We Evangelize

1. Who: Our focus is those are Christians not in full communion.

A focus does not exclude the evangelization of the un-churched and fallen away Catholics. But our first priority is non-Catholic Christians.

2. How: The “Who” drives our “How”

a. Worship

- i. The Divine Worship Mass – “English” expression of the Roman Rite
 1. Transcendent & reverent, yet warm. A “meet” orientation.
 2. Scriptural piety. Penitential / comforting.
 3. Vicarious / majestic hymnody & congregational signing
 4. English choral tradition / gifts of children
 5. Engagement of senses / contemplative pace / physical action

b. Preaching/ Teaching

- i. Always affirm what is shared
- ii. Explain our Catholic beliefs / “More Christianity” / apologetics. Never use “insider terms” without explaining.
- iii. Challenge and practical application

c. A Eucharistic Life Together – flowing from Christ in Word & Sacrament

- i. Intentionally but organically **welcoming**. Mandatum: “No Visitor Leave Unintroduced.” **Smaller Parish.**
- ii. Open-ness to talk about the Lord’s work in your life. **Vulnerability.**
- iii. A **rich culture**: Feasts & fasts, together & domestic. Art & Music.
- iv. A **heart** for those in need that impels us to leave the four walls. Both spiritual & corporal needs.