

*Andrei Rublev's Icon of the Trinity
"The Hospitality of Abraham"*



Nurturing
FAITH COMMUNITIES

Forming
MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Proclaiming
THE GOSPEL



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Missionary disciples take the first step, are involved and supportive, bear fruit and rejoice.

- Evangelii Gaudium, #24

Offices & Ministries

Child Protection

The office for the Protection of Children and Youth provides resources and training to those who minister, work and volunteer in parishes, schools and Catholic institutions on creating a safe environment for children and identifying signs of sexual abuse. We also provide programs, resources, and support for survivors of abuse.

Ecumenical & Interfaith Affairs

The Ecumenical & Interfaith office promotes cooperation and dialogue with the Christian communities and other religions of northeast Ohio. It also offers consultation on ecumenical questions or matters of interfaith protocol.

Faith & Culture

Our ministries with the African American, Hispanic, and Asian Catholic communities provide support and resources to parishes and schools in their service to an increasingly diverse Catholic community. We also organize activities that celebrate faith and culture in partnership with the various ethnic communities in our diocese.

Human Life

The Human Life office educates and inspires people throughout the diocese to be stewards of the gift of life that God has given us. Through prayer, education, pastoral care, and advocacy, we uphold and promote the dignity of life at all stages of existence.

Immigrants, Refugees & People on the Move

Our ministries focus on education, advocacy and direct assistance for those who have come to our country as immigrants, refugees, and undocumented migrants. We also provide support to Cross Bearers for Christ, a motorcycle ministry of evangelization.

Lay Ecclesial Ministry

The office for Lay Ecclesial Ministry offers a certification program for lay ministerial leadership in parish, diocesan and other Catholic ministry settings, as well as continuing education opportunities.

Marriage & Family

The office for Marriage and Family Ministry offers a range of services and programs that respond to the needs of couples and families and support them as they live out their Catholic faith.

Missionary Discipleship

The office of Missionary Discipleship empowers men and women of all ages to discern their baptismal call to be missionary disciples and use their gifts to serve the Church and build up the Kingdom of God, witnessing to the love and grace of God.

Youth & Young Adults

Our ministries with youth and young adults offer training, support, resources and consultation services for pastoral leaders and ministry coordinators, as well as direct ministry and leadership development opportunities for young people.

Specialized Ministries

Our Secretariat also provides information about and support to lay Catholic organizations. We oversee extensive volunteer ministries with the incarcerated and their families, as well as support groups for gay and lesbian persons and their families.