



Mutually Shared Vision

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

OUR SACRED PURPOSE:

The sacred purpose of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau is to joyfully live our Catholic faith as intentional disciples, leading all to a full life in Jesus Christ.

THREE GUIDING VALUES FOR US AS DISCIPLES:

▶ PRAYER

Through intimacy with Jesus and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we enter into union with the Father—in solitude and when gathered—offering our praise, thanksgiving, blessing, petition, and intercession.

▶ GENEROUS SERVICE

The love of Christ impels us to charitably serve as instruments of hope, mercy, and peace.

▶ ZEAL

Filled with the joy experienced through our relationship with Jesus Christ, we passionately live our faith in word and action.

OUR DIOCESAN VISION:

One Church, East to West: Loving Jesus, Serving Jesus, Sharing Jesus

OUR THREE PRIORITIES:

▶ GROWING IN HOLINESS

Do we offer opportunities to intimately encounter Christ and experience his grace? How do we help individuals deepen their prayer life, fully participate in the Sacraments, come to know the Living Word of God in Scripture, and foster the call to ongoing conversion and holiness?

▶ FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

Is our faith community a place of invitation, welcome, and hospitality for ALL? What opportunities do we offer to continue formation as a disciple of Christ? Do we accompany individuals on their faith journey? Do we lead them to a fuller knowledge, understanding, and practice of life in Christ through the Catholic faith?

▶ BEING SENT FORTH TO WITNESS

Do we equip individuals to live and share their faith vibrantly within their everyday community, including with other Christians or those who do not know Christ? Do we act as the hands, feet, eyes, ears, and heart of Jesus—reaching out to those most in need (physically and spiritually)?

