

Did you know that MMOC has a parish mission statement? You see it every time you read the bulletin (it's at the top)—but have you really read it? And do you know how it applies to you as a member of MMOC?

In our youth we all learned the reason for our own existence. *“Why did God make me?” “God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next.”* If individual Catholics had a mission statement, this would be it. It's our reason for existing.

The mission statement of MMOC takes this to the next level. It's the reason that we exist as a Catholic community, and it lays the foundation for all that we do.

*“Mary, Mother of the Church is the faithful of God formed from diversity into one Christian community who join to worship and serve God and neighbor, through a loving tithing of time, talent, and treasure, shown with heroic courage toward all God's children, for His Greater Glory in union with the prayers of Mary, the Mother of Jesus our Lord and God”*

We are the faithful of God. First and foremost we are drawn together because of our Catholicism. We are diverse- drawn from different nationalities, professions, educations and social status. Our mission statement calls us to embrace everyone as part of the greater body that is our parish.

We are drawn together for the greater purpose of worshipping God and serving both God and neighbor. It is not enough to simply show up for Mass, our mission statement calls you to make God part of your daily life, serving Him and all of His children by whatever means available. Your time—whether it's volunteering to help with the liturgy or helping with a youth event. Your talent, whether it's making candy for the bazaar or providing conversation with a lonely soul. Your treasure—tithing to help meet the needs of the parish, and the diocese, and to help others in need.

We are called on to do this with “heroic courage”. As Catholic men, women, and children it is not always easy to do what we are called to do in our mission statement. When faced with difficulty in fulfilling our mission, we must remember that courage is a gift we received from the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our Patroness, Mary, is also included in our mission statement. As we pray for greater faith, courage, and a clear path to follow, Mary is with us, and joins in our supplication.

As members of MMOC you should all be aware of the parish mission statement. It is used by all of the parish organizations as a “roadmap” to finding our way as a Catholic Parish. We make our way using this roadmap, ensuring that all paths we take are towards His Greater Glory.