

Leading a movement of change within the Catholic church marked by radical inclusivity, exquisite worship, and transformative kinship.

We believe we can find meaning and purpose in our lives and build a better world through a **vibrant** and **distinctive** faith experience. We envision this to be community-driven, lay-led, and Christ-centered in a way that challenges and supports the institutional church, acting as a model for the future of Catholic communities in our city. Leading us onward and upholding our vision is an emphasis on community, justice, spirituality, and service.



Radical Inclusivity

The Reality

Human communities suffer from policy-driven barriers and a polarized socio-economic landscape. Exclusion as the norm impoverishes our communities and creates harmful divisions that not only hinder full participation, but jeopardize justice equality and self-actualization.

For through faith, you are all children of God... all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26–28

Our Response

- ◆ We welcome and value the leadership of women in ministry, prayer, and preaching.
- ◆ We receive with open arms those who are institutionally excluded, especially LGBTQ individuals.
- ◆ We will continue to invite and embrace racial, ethnic, generational, and economic diversity and inclusion.
- ◆ We promote a culture of healthy leadership through equality in word and action and collaborative dialogue between clergy, ministers, and members.
- ◆ We create a community of Old St. Pat's that is distinctly and unapologetically inclusive.

What You Can Do

- Invite and bring someone who feels excluded from the broader church.
- Support civic, business, and religious leaders who stand for unity, inclusion, and justice.
- Actively challenge systems and attitudes that marginalize and exclude.
- Expand yourself —beyond existing relationships—toward the margins and risk forming new relationships.



Exquisite Worship

The Reality

Ambivalence, passivity, and disengagement: 75% of US Catholics do not participate in regular public worship and a declining number of people play active roles in the life of their faith communities. Despite opposing cultural currents, we must address archaic ecclesial practices and the lack of relevant and engaging worship.

Our Response

- ◆ We gather as a community of creativity and vibrance, cultivating an intentional and life-giving worship experience that draws all people to the table.
- ◆ We dedicate ourselves to excellence in preaching, an environment of utmost welcome, and unparalleled music that enhances prayer and promotes active participation so that we as a community can celebrate God's active presence in the world.
- ◆ We expand faith life beyond the walls of a Sunday Experience that we might treat all of humanity and creation with the reverence it deserves.
- ◆ We create beauty and excellence in all expressions of our Mission in a way that inspires pride and hope in proclaiming our Catholic identity.

What You Can Do

- Increase your commitment to Old St. Patrick's (volunteer, spiritual retreat, Sunday giving, increasing your own full participation, etc.).
- Invite someone who does not attend.
- Utilize our technical resources (try using our LiveStream or Podcast).
- Tell people about your experience in the Old St. Patrick's Catholic Community.

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:15-16

God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4:24

Transformative Kinship

The Reality

Relationship, respect, and shared belonging are sorely missing between many communities in our city, leading to division, mistrust, and misunderstanding.

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12:10

Our Response

- ◆ We order our relationships in ways that are governed by common values and honor the truth of genuine mutuality in all dimensions of our lives – social, political, economic, and spiritual.
- ◆ We establish a city-wide model of our kinship work and foster measurable, meaningful touchpoints for every member of OSP to participate.
- ◆ We walk alongside one another in friendship, sharing our talents and resources to secure justice, opportunity and the transformation of our communities.
- ◆ As Jesus demonstrates, it is not in our service of those on the margins but in our willingness to see ourselves in kinship with them that has the power to transform us and our world.

What You Can Do

- Commit to at least yearly involvement in each of our Social Actions efforts:
 - North Lawndale Kinship Initiative at kinshipmovement.org
 - Outreach Ministries at oldstpats.org/outreach
 - Social Justice at oldstpats.org/justice-initiatives
- Examine the borders in your own life and identify ways to engage.
- Support an on-campus enterprise for community-building and unique employment opportunity.

