



## Homily Themes

*Discipleship. Community. Vision.  
Beacons of Christ's light, life, and hope.*

*Of the many ways we may form people to grow as disciples who journey together in community, the homily stands out as a particularly rich opportunity for transformation for individuals and the Family of Parishes. Keep this list nearby as you prepare your homily each week; add to it as other themes come to mind, especially as your Family discerns its vision and the way it will live Christ's mission.*



### EUCHARIST

*being Eucharistic, thanksgiving, sacrifice*

The Mass is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. Accordingly, the Eucharist is the essential moment for building up and strengthening the parish community, along with the sacraments and other celebrations of the paschal mystery — the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. *Grounded in the Eucharist, we joyfully invite others to come experience the Lord's presence.*



### CHURCH

*Christ's body, community*

Each of us is called to actively participate as a member of a parish, the Universal Church and our local Church, led by our archbishop. Parishes continually deepen the bonds of communion with other parishes. *Christ's church is the source of salvation for all. As members of this body, we are called to witness to and share these truths!*



### LEADERSHIP

*co-responsibility, synodality*

Pastors, in collaboration with parochial vicars, deacons and lay ministers, according to their proper roles and charisms, share responsibility for pastoral leadership. The spiritual, physical and mental health and ongoing support of ordained and lay leaders is vital for Families of Parishes. *We all have a share of the responsibility for the church and its mission as expressed in the Great Commission: to go forth to all nations and make disciples.*



### STEWARDSHIP

*gratitude, generosity*

Families of Parishes are communities of grateful disciples. Recognizing God's gifts, they use their talents, skills and resources to build up the Church and live as Christ's body in the world. *Forming our parishes to respond with welcome and generosity to God's many gifts by sharing these gifts with each other and the broader community.*



### EVANGELIZATION

*sharing faith, growing in relationship  
with Christ and one another*

As centers of missionary outreach, Families of Parishes find new ways to foster discipleship among all the baptized. Schools, parishes, and indeed the domestic Church itself are centers of this essential work. *All are called to some share of the work of the church, to share Christ's love and truth at home, school, workplace, and broader community.*



### LOVE IN ACTION

*service, ministry*

Families of Parishes will be communities of charity and justice, serving those most in need and working to change systems that oppress and marginalize. *We nurture our own faith through spiritual and corporal works while witnessing to the inexhaustible love of God.*