

PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Our Lady of Victory, St Elizabeth, and St Leonard



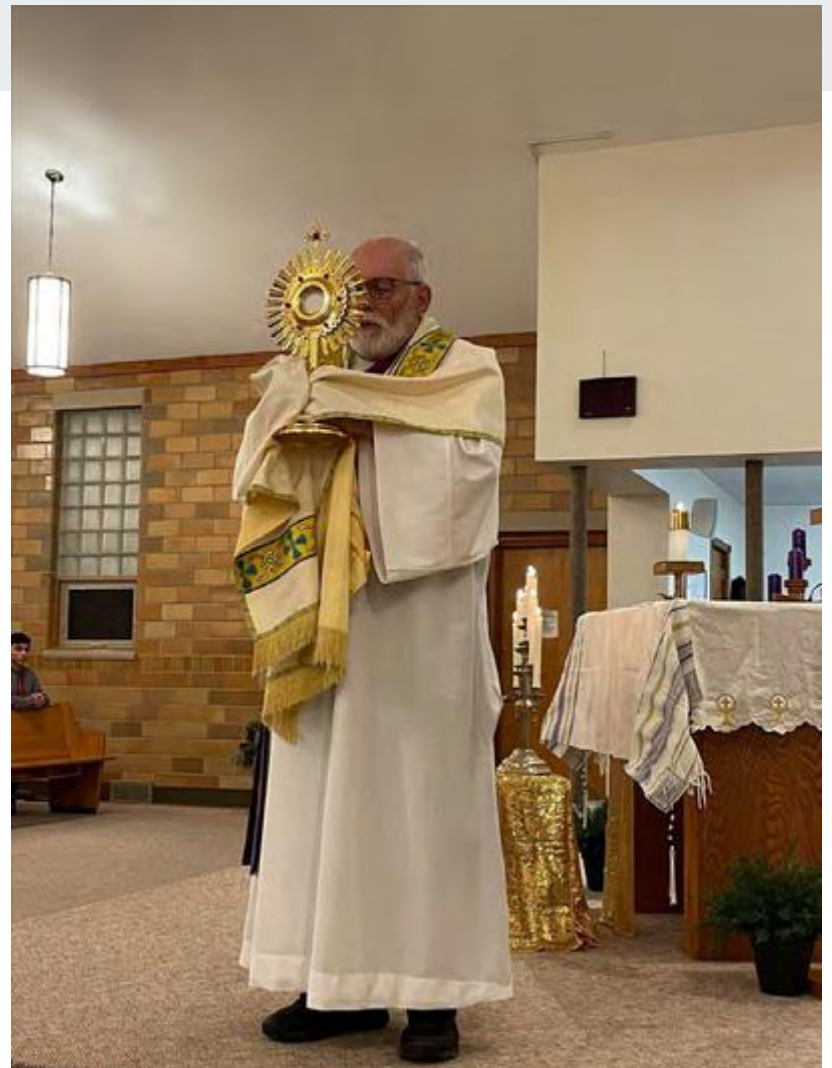
Mission Statement:

The PVACC reaches out and is comprised of an ethnically diverse population young and old, rich and poor, ... celebrating Eucharist, praying, witnessing, educating, and sharing our catholic traditions and love for Jesus.

- Three parishes, 6+ school districts, rural, family and community oriented/ farming industry.

Who are you as an ACC?

St Leonard - We are a group of parishes that have learned to listen to each other, and even though we might have different priorities and needs and cultures, we have learned to help each other and see how we can contribute what we have (resources, gifts and talents) to our ACC.



What is one thing you are proud of as you build bridges with one another?

OLV- we at our ACC demonstrate bridge building through the outreach we do for our parish “family” members, and for those less fortunate out in the communities, such as: sending contributions to the Salvation Army, local food shelf, soup, kitchen, clothing drives, fundraisers, the fundraising appeals from the diocese for special causes, the missions, human resource assistance, using a “ free will donation” approach so that those with large families and less income can still participate in special events and meals, scholarships for children attending Catholic school, allocating meeting space for special groups, such as the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters, supporting Stevens ministry, to name a few.

- Promoting the Eucharistic revival movement
- Fellowship after Mass
- Fish Fries
- Parish school



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St Elizabeth - Attending and Promoting each parishes events

- Bible Study Gathering
- Pork Out
- Men's pancake breakfast
- Fellowship after Mass
- Ham & Turkey Bingo



What is one thing you are proud of as you build bridges with one another?

St Leonard - We have open communication. St. Leonard is the only parish in our ACC that has a Hispanic/Latino community. We have been building bridges through bilingual liturgies, celebrations of hispanic cultural heritage, such as Our Lady of Guadalupe and Posadas, Holy Week reenactments, quinceaneras...which are all open and encouraging of the entire community: Hispanic, Non-hispanic, Catholic and Non-Catholic.

- Stations of the cross
- Spanglish music ministry



What is one thing you are proud of as you build bridges with one another?

- Grateful for two full-time priests
- In 2023, we held a Parish Mission during Lent- one night at each parish; each night was well attended
- Mardi Gras with all parishes and the Spanish Mass
- ACC combined parish directory/ Newsletter
- Father Alan's and Father Lucho's weekly video message on facebook



What is your biggest struggle in the ACC

Growing our parishes socially, interacting outside of our own parish

SL- Adult and youth evangelization, finding adults that are willing to serve in evangelization.

SL- Communication between the English speaking and Spanish speaking populations

OLV- Financial Stewardship and OLV School enrollment and finances

SE- Overall communication within the parish and ACC; Fear of the unknown, aging community

All- overall communication/ ACC Website/ getting people to use the MyParish app

ALL- Aging population/ bringing the youth/ young adults back to the church

ALL- managing finances and bulletin communication our of OLV vs. all 3/ One business office

ALL - More guidance from the Diocese around human resources; ie- job descriptions, structures, salary surveys



How are you “listening” to the people in your ACC?

ACC minutes in the bulletins timely

Parish life committees

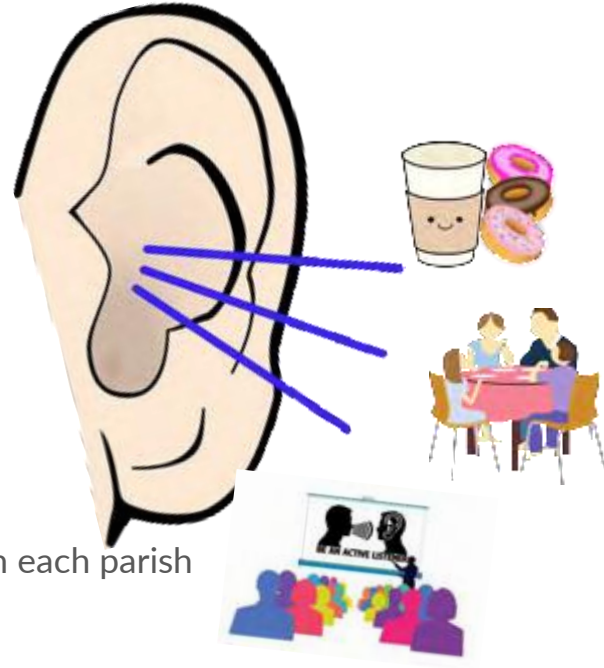
Social gatherings

OLV- rectory dinners

ALL- Fellowship after Masses

OLV- Synod listening sessions, individual, ministries

ALL- Individual appointments with priest/ social activities within each parish



How are you investing in the call and formation of leaders now and for the future?

Young Adults Formation (OLV)

Revive Women's Retreats

Family Faith Nights

Improved Communications

Hiring of a Business Operations Director to facilitate Stewardship and communication

Men's and Women's groups, Catholic Daughters, Christian Mothers

Steubenville Youth Retreat

SL- We see there is a commitment and willingness from Father Alan to have more people formed in different pastoral areas - youth, evangelization, Hispanic ministry, etc. and he is very supportive of anyone that wants to invest time and actively promotes it.



What are the 3-4 priorities of your ACC to build a cohesive and unified mission?

1) Hiring of a Business Operations Director

A Mission Statement which will drive a strategic plan

B. Increasing our stewardship/evangelization

2) Growing our Youth

A. Grow OLV school

B. Evangelization

C. Give the youth purpose

3) Communication

A. ACC Website

B. Usage of the MyParish App

4) Increased integration of social interactions and stewardship between the ACC

