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Each week our bulletin carries the Mission Statement of the Church of the Assumption. We are an inclusive, welcoming, compassionate community united by a faith that is alive and growing. As sisters and brothers baptized in Christ, our mission is to be Christ for one another, our community, and the world by teaching as Jesus did, loving as Jesus loved, serving as Jesus served, and by seeing in every face the face of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was put together by our Parish Pastoral Council a number of years ago and it continues to provide a vision for our ministry together.

One of the things that I enjoy is reading the bulletins that folks bring me from churches where they worship while away from home. This summer's cash of bulletins contained some very interesting mission statements. Two in particular caught me eye and apparently the eyes as well of those parishioners who gave the bulletins to me with these statements circled.

Here's a sample for your consideration from a parish in the Chicago area:

We Welcome. . .

People of All Faiths & All races

Divorced or Separated Persons

Families with Children

Gays & Lesbians

Homeless Persons

Loving Relationships

Married Couples

Single Persons

Those in Recovery

Travelers: Far and Near

Widows & Widowers

Visitors

We Seek. . .

To Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ

To Gather the Community and tell the Story

To Break the Bread and Share the Cup

We Celebrate. . .

Diversity

A Spirit of Hospitality

The Unity that God Wills

Enlightening those who Seek God

Forming Small Faith Communities

Reaching Out to Alienated Catholics

Reverencing the Dignity of Each Person

Caring for the Needs of the Less Fortunate

Empowering Christians to Realize their Call

Providing an Oasis in the Financial District

Honoring Understanding among All Faiths

Nurturing our Gifts and Sharing Them

Supporting the Arts through Concerts

Pursuing New Ways to Serve
Being a Good Neighbor

We Treasure our Past
We Hope in the Future

Another parish in Fort Myers, Florida lists its mission on the bulletin front page too:

OUR CREDO

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church.

No matter what your current family or marital situation.

No matter what your past or present religious affiliation.

No matter what your own personal history, age, background, race or color.

No matter what your own self-image or esteem.

You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at

Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church.

These statements of mission and purpose help create an atmosphere of welcome that is truly
“Catholic” or universal. I’d be interested in your reactions to these statements as well

Don’t forget to vote!

Thanks for your generous to Stewardship and the Catholic Ministries Appeal. To date we are
at 38.65% of our CMA goal

Have a good week.
