

Pastoral Plan of Chanthaburi Diocese 2021-2030

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The Diocese of Chanthaburi always attaches great importance to the diocesan administration and the faithful's pastoral care. Starting from the year 1965, after the Second Vatican Council, there was a policy to encourage lay Christians to become more involved in the administration and pastoral work. Therefore, began to have a parish committee, which later evolved and developed into a parish council and the pastoral council, as in the present, respectively.

From 2000 onwards, there has been a successive five-year pastoral plan that adapts to the policies of the Universal Church, realities, and the needs of the faithful over time. The current pastoral plan can be counted as the fifth one, which can be divided into six dimensions; Pastoral, Missionary, Social, Education, Mass Media, and Administration.

Vision

"Christians in the Diocese of Chanthaburi, one with God and fellows,
Proclaim Jesus Christ, build up the Kingdom of God."

Mission

1. Christian in the Diocese of Chanthaburi,

One with God in prayer,

In the Eucharistic Celebration, living the Word, and growing in the Sacraments

2. Unity with all fellow brothers and sisters in the faith,

respect the values, dignity, differences, and freedoms of all,

develop whole life, vocation, and a strong family institution.

3. Proclaim Jesus Christ by living as a testimony,
a disciple of Christ and a disciple of missionaries,
pastoral and missionary, catechesis, and transmitting of faith,
declare good news with appropriate technology and methods, creative,
discussion with brothers and sisters of other faiths.

4. Strengthen the kingdom of God,
create justice, love, peace, and joy in the community,
brotherly love, help, share, join in suffering and happiness,
on the side of the poor, children, and women,
promote traditions, good culture,
protecting nature and the environment.

The common point of work for all dimension

1) Working together in accordance with the diocese's administrative structure and creating a network to coordinate between the Church, government organizations, private agencies, and experts in various fields.

2) Build lay Christian leaders at all levels and sectors through selection, ongoing training, practice, and delegation of work to do so.

3) Use communication technology to work, disseminate, and publicize in appropriate channels and methods.

4) Work for the common good, aiming at building the Christian spirit and the development of the whole person rather than material prosperity.

5) Use natural resources wisely and preserve the environment for sustainable development.

1. Pastoral dimension

1.1. Reviving the faith acquired through baptism, fed by the Word of God, growing in the sacrament, deepening in prayer, manifested in solidarity by loving and serving one another.

1.2. Making the church community a lively community of disciples of Christ by promoting the living of the Word of God, the Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC), reading of the Word of God, the daily prayer, the Eucharistic celebration on Sunday, the preaching that can be put into practice in daily life.

1.3. Supporting the making of the family as The Domestic Church, transferring faith to children, teaching catechism to children to prepare for the sacraments, teaching adults who prepare themselves to become a Christian through the Rite of Christian Initiative of Adults (RCIA), teaching catechism for marriage preparation, and continuing ongoing faith education for all Christians.

1.4. Promote the work of the Catholic movement at all levels, pastoral care for children and young people, pastoral care of the family, and promoting the vocation of priesthood and the consecrated religious.

1.5. Pastoral care and visits to the faithful in the community, the poor, the elderly, the sick, the infirm, immigrants, imprisoned, Christian foreigners, non-religious Christians, those who are far from the community, and those who have suffered various.

2. Missionary Dimension

2.1. To create a spiritual missionary spirit for Christians at all levels to be able to preach the good news by living a testimony for all.

2.2. Promote ecumenism, interfaith dialogue, to build knowledge, understanding, and good relations, based on dialogue, exchange of ideas, prayer, and joint activities.

2.3. Prepare missionary handbooks, ecumenism, interfaith dialogue, inculturation, and practices for participating in other religions' ordinances, living with brothers and sisters of other faiths, as well as conducting oneself in various local traditions or cultures correctly.

3. Social Dimension

3.1. Spread the knowledge, understanding, reflection, Catholic social teachings of the Church, being the Church of the Poor, to all Christians.

3.2. Encourage all Christians to live as witnesses according to the spirit of love and service. Helping and sharing, doing charity work for the poor, the less fortunate, the needy, and those in need in all forms, both in the faith community and society.

3.3. Promote human values and dignity, protect the vulnerable, rights of children and women, victims of violence and human trafficking, aiming to develop a society of justice, equality, and equality in society.

3.4. Study the goodness of local culture, tradition, wisdom, philosophy of life, to promote and elevate the mental value of the people in the community, create bonds, unity, cherish, protect, conserve nature, protect the environment, and sustainable development in their local communities.

4. Education dimension

4.1. Promote Catholic schools as a pastoral and apostolic field, a place of incubation and witness to the values of the Gospel, creating an identity and uniqueness based on the Catholic educational philosophy for students, teachers, academic educational personnel, and all executives.

4.2. Encourage Catholic schools to teach catechism to Catholic students to prepare for the basic sacraments, promote Catholic movement activities in schools, allocate teaching personnel and teaching materials adequately, appropriately, continuously, and receive appropriate welfare.

4.3. To help the poor, underprivileged needy students, especially Catholic children and youth, to be educated in Catholic schools.

4.4. Study, collect, and prepare community history, temples, schools, local cultures, as a source of learning, dissemination, continuation, faith, and local wisdom.

5. Social Media dimension

5.1. Encourage all Christians to use various communication technologies to proclaim the good news and is a testimony to the spirit of the Gospel as well as the various teachings of the Church according to their roles, duties, and status in life appropriately.

5.2. Prepare, collect, update the information of agencies, organizations, temples, schools, and use communication technology through various channels, appropriately disseminate to different groups of people and cover all group targets.

5.3. Develop a system to store data in digital form, such as baptism registers, Christian family registers, community history, Church, schools, and various agencies, so that various information can be conveniently accessed, fast, accurate, current, and connected.

6. Administrative dimension

6.1. Plan work by division, department, or its own office, to implement the pastoral plan of the diocese, adapting it to the local field, urgent, constructive, and operational needs, along with always monitoring the operation

6.2. Emphasis on working together according to the diocese's work construction, taking responsibility for their own duties, building good relations with each other, having brotherly love, being one family, listening to each other's opinions, generosity, sympathy, tactful, with room for every opinion, according to the spirit of walking together, leaving no one behind.

6.3. Use the budget and available resources wisely, in the public's best interest, transparently, and in accordance with established diocese procedures.