

Christ in You

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Teachers

Through Good Samaritan Parish Catholic Primary School, you participate in a vital part of the life and work of our Lumen Christi Parish. The goal of Catholic education is focused on growth and improvement in faith, learning and wellbeing. Growth in faith particularly relates to the knowledge and skills that develop your child's mind and heart within a supportive community of faith, prayer, and loving service. Given the importance of this task for your child, it is vital that we listen to your voice as we develop our Parish Pastoral Plan.

The title of our Pastoral Plan is **Christ in You**, a quote from St Paul's Letter to the Colossians which speaks of the loving presence of Christ to all of us (1:27). It is a presence that helps us to see the gifts we have which bring us great joy when we share them. These gifts become riches of life when we place them at the service of our community to build up our life together as the Body of Christ.

As a parish school community, I invite you to join me in prayerful reflection on *the riches of Christ that are in you and in our parish school*

community. To discover these riches will give us hope in the love of Christ and confidence that we have much to offer for the growth of our school and parish life.

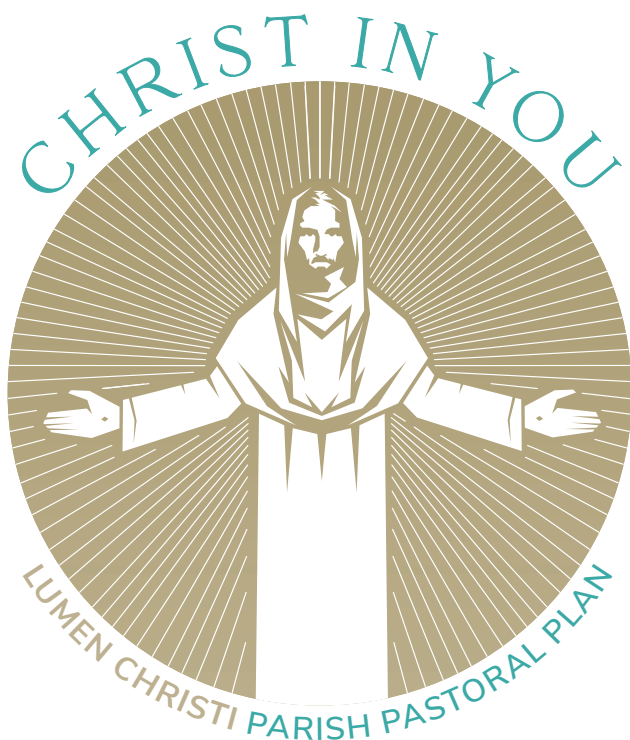
As a fruit of this reflection we can ask: *how can our riches be shared so that our school and parish communities grow together in faith, hope, and love?*

Further questions that may help our reflection are:

- What gifts do you have?
- How can you help others see their gifts?
- How can we support each other in making these gifts shine for our families, friends, and those we meet in our everyday life?

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"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory"

(Colossians 1:27)



The aim of the Pastoral Plan is to develop our goals over the next five years to develop our:

- **Community** Life
- **Worship** as a community of faith and service
- **Mission** in bearing witness to Christ's truth and love
- **Parish Support** through our Parish Staff
- **Stewardship** of our facilities and properties

The first three steps in formulating the Pastoral Plan will occur on the following dates and I personally invite you to participate:

- On **19 February 2023** (*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*) and **26 February 2023** (*First Sunday of Lent*), the Sunday homily will reflect on the theme "*the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you*", to help everyone reflect on our gifts and how they can contribute to our parish.
- On **5 March 2023** (*Second Sunday of Lent*) we will distribute a survey asking for your suggestions about how we can develop the key areas of parish life. The survey will be presented by a member of the Pastoral or Finance Councils to each of our four local communities.
- After this Lenten period of reflection, the Pastoral and Finance Councils will consult with Bishop Mascord to finalise and publish the Pastoral Plan on **10 December 2023** (*Second Sunday of Advent*).

Thank you for your consideration and your contribution to the Good Samaritan Catholic school community and our Lumen Christi Parish. Through preparing our Pastoral Plan may we see how the riches of Christ in us can help us build our life together as the Body of Christ.

Yours in the Lord Jesus,

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