

SAMPLE MISSION STATEMENTS FOR CATHOLIC NONPROFITS

EXAMPLES OF MISSION STATEMENTS

While there is no single formula for a good mission statement, it can be helpful to look at what other organizations have done. You might wish to compile a list of statements from other organizations similar to your own. This can give you ideas of how to articulate what is distinctive about your organization. Notice how some nonprofits combine mission, vision, and values. The statements below were selected merely to illustrate a variety of approaches. You may wish to start your own file of mission statements that you believe are effective.

Catholic Charities of Portland (www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org)

Catholic Charities brings hope, resources and advocacy to the poor and most vulnerable among us regardless of faith, race, marital status or condition in life. Our activities are based upon the fundamental belief in the dignity and sanctity of human life and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We serve as the professional social service arm of the Archdiocese of Portland.

Catholic Relief Services (<http://crs.org/>)

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we act to:

- 1. Promote human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies; and,*
- 2. Serve Catholics in the United States as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world.*

As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, we work with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality

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Education for Parish Service (EPS) (<http://eps.trinitydc.edu/>)

EPS's mission is to build on the firm foundation of Church teaching to provide adult lay Catholics with a solid intellectual and spiritual grounding for their faith, so they can understand, live and share it in their homes, parishes, community and workplaces.

Holy Spirit Center of Anchorage (www.holyspiritcenterak.org/)

Our Mission is: "to provide a sacred place and to accompany people as they seek to find God in all things."

National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management (www.nlrcm.org)

The mission of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management is to promote excellence and best practices in the management, finances and human resources development of the Catholic Church in the U.S. by greater incorporation of the expertise of the laity.

RENEW International (www.renewintl.org)

RENEW International fosters spiritual renewal in the Catholic tradition by empowering individuals and communities to encounter God in everyday life, deepen and share faith, and connect faith with action.

Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club of San Francisco (www.salesianclub.org)

To provide a peaceful and productive environment for all children, boys and girls, to have a positive experience and awareness of the benefits of Martial Arts in their everyday life.

To help each individual student to strive to do their best at every task, meet their individual goals, instill self-confidence and self-esteem in every aspect of their lives.

And above all else, to teach each child to display courtesy for every person; have respect for each other, their parents and those around them; and to be honest, have a great spirit, and finally to develop self-discipline.

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SOME (So Others Might Eat) (www.some.org)

SOME (So Others Might Eat) is an interfaith, community-based organization that exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital. We meet the immediate daily needs of the people we serve with food, clothing, and health care. We help break the cycle of homelessness by offering services, such as affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling, to the poor, the elderly and individuals with mental illness. Each day, SOME is restoring hope and dignity one person at a time. We invite you to join us.