

# THE PILGRIM CENTER OF HOPE

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**MISSION STATEMENT of The Pilgrim Center of Hope is to guide individuals, families and neighborhoods toward finding a deeper relationship with Christ through evangelization (living and sharing the faith).**

*"What came to be through Him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and darkness has not overcome it." John 1:3*

**I. PURPOSE:** To be a "light in the world" that brings hope.

Matthew 5:13-16

We believe that the root cause of what is wrong with our families, our neighborhoods, our cities, etc., is spiritual. Social programs may meet some specific needs, but if we want the real healing and hope we must look to our relationship with God. We are the pilgrim Church struggling but if we, in faith with persistence, "knock, seek and ask", our Father in Heaven will give us the grace to make us whole.

In the document "**Evangelization in the Modern World**", Pope Paul VI writes, "*For the Church, evangelizing means bringing the Good News into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming humanity from within and making it new; 'Now I am making the whole of creation new' (Revelation 21:5)*". God has not abandoned us! He waits for us to encounter Him - to evangelize others.

## **II. OBJECTIVES: Outreach**

To provide Catholic Evangelization Presentations to parishes throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio, which put us in touch with the love of God and provide direction for continued spiritual growth. The focus of these presentations is the Kerygma, an introduction to the Church documents on Evangelization and a renewal of our Sacraments of Initiation.

**A.** To encourage those who attend to be aware that their home is a

domestic church that is sustained through the prayer of its members.

**B.** To encourage those who attend to join a small faith community for prayer, scripture, faith sharing and outreach in service of the parish.

**C.** To provide a workshop on door-to-door home visitation in which we outline a basic approach of how to do visits. We wish to encourage the Lay faithful to respond to their baptismal role as priest, prophet and king as taught by the Catholic Church.

**D.** Assisting parishes establish their own Home Visitation Ministry and remain in contact for encouragement, advise and resources.

**E.** Educate the local church on the presence and suffering of Mother Church in the Holy Land, the *living stones*.

## **III. OBJECTIVES: At the Center's Location**

**A.** The Center has a Chapel with the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration and private prayer.

**B.** The Center is a resource for the Archdiocese to connect people who want to minister to others in need.

**C.** The Center is a place to meet for the lay faithful involved in the planning of the various ministries and events.

**D.** The Center coordinates annual pilgrimages to the Holy Land and other destinations as a means of *conversion, catechesis and community building*.

**E.** Develop Co-leaders and Team members to serve in the various

ministries of The Pilgrim Center of Hope which include:

- Catholic Women's Conference
- The Holy Land Mission (Olive Wood & Child Sponsorship)
- Newsletter, Mail outs, Office Assistance
- The San Antonio Airport "Catholic Information Booth".
- Formation in Catholic Evangelization

## **IV. SPIRITUALITY**

**A.** To live in the Spirit of St. John the Evangelist; to be consecrated in the Truth.

**B.** To be committed to on-going conversion and a personal relationship with Christ Jesus, seeking to submit every aspect of our life to His Lordship.

**C.** To be consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. *"On the morning of Pentecost, she watched over with her prayer the beginning of Evangelization prompted by the Holy Spirit; may she be the Star of Evangelization ever renewed which the Church, docile to her Lord's command, must promote and accomplish, especially in these times which are difficult but full of hope!"*

Pope Paul VI  
Evangelization in the Modern World

**D.** To be in complete and total unity with the Pope, the Magisterium and Bishops.

**E.** To have a daily commitment to Liturgical and Contemplative prayer and Eucharistic Adoration.

**F.** To be centered in Christ Jesus through the Sacramental life.

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