

Vision & Mission

Vision:

To foster an enriched devoutness and spirituality of the Kenya Catholic faithful in DMV, that upholds catholic faith, is inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ, adorned with Kenyan culture, and vitalized by support to one another.

Mission:

Embolden jumuiiaa members to celebrate the sacrament of holy eucharist together during Swahili mass, to continually learn about the scripture, catholic church tradition and doctrine, to share about God and their life's experiences, to live a prayerful life, to live out the values of Christ, offer mutual support to one another and nurture a Kenyan culture.



'Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.'

St Francis of Assisi



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**JUMUIAA OF
ST FRANCIS,
DMV**



"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible."

-- Francis of Assisi

Jumuiiaa (small Catholic Christian community) of Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia (DMV).



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Jumuiiaa ya mtakatifu Fransisko wa Asizi

Established on June 24th, 2014.
Blessed on April 22nd, 2018.

Goal # 1: Strengthen members Catholic faith, spirituality and devoutness through: >>>

Objective 1: Deepening Catholic Faith:

- Grow deeper in Catholic faith.
- Deepen Catholic faith as a group and individually and as families.
- Deepen catholic faith in DMV community through worshiping and prayer meetings which bonds us together.
- Learn about catholic faith (catechism).

Objective 2: Strengthening connection with God:

- Join hands to build members relationship with God the creator.

Objective 3: Learning scripture and sharing testimonies:

- Learn continually about Scripture, tradition, church doctrine and spirituality.
- Share freely about God and about life's experiences.
- Study the word of God together.
- Read the scripture together and share experiences/testimonies.

Objective 4: Glorifying God:

- Pursue excellence in how Jumuiiaa brings glory to God.



"It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."

--St Francis of Assisi

We aspire to strengthen, uphold, promote, evangelize, support and motivate.

Goal # 2: Uphold devotion to blessed mother by:

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Objective 1: Reciting the rosary together.

Objective 2: Increasing members devotion to Mary.

Goal # 3: Promote a prayerful life by:

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Objective 1: Encouraging members to pray continually.

Objective 2: Encouraging members to lead a prayerful life, both personal and communal.

Objective 3: Praying together.

Goal # 4: Evangelize by celebrating the sacrament of the eucharist through Swahili mass and: >>>

Objective 1: Hold Kenyan mass in DMV for jumuiiaa members and their non Swahili speakers (young hearts).

Objective 2: Encourage members to attend mass and worship together.

Objective 3: Reach as many people as possible through Swahili mass.

Objective 4: Increase attendance of Swahili masses by encouraging members to consistently attend mass, thereby encouraging more to join.

Objective 5: Uphold common Kenyan Swahili culture when celebrating the eucharist, and by praising and glorifying God in Swahili songs.

Objective 6: Keep children actively involved in Swahili mass through their direct participation in mass activities.

Objective 7: Celebrate mass at member's houses.

Goal # 5: Evangelize by: >>>

Objective 1: Encouraging members spread the gospel of the Lord with love and unity.

Objective 2: Encouraging members to preach the gospel by sharing the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Goal # 6: Motivate members to model life after Christ by: >>>

Objective 1: Encouraging members to live out the values of Christ.

Objective 2: Encouraging members to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.



"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." St Francis of Assisi

Goal # 7: Inspire members to serve God through service to others by: >>>

Objective 1: Motivating members to develop their God-given abilities and use them to serve others and Jumuiiaa.

Objective 2: Encouraging members to pursue excellence in service to others, both as members and as jumuiiaa.

Goal # 8: Promote Kenyan culture by: >>>

Objective 1: Creating awareness and passing on Swahili/Kenyan culture to children.

Objective 2: Upholding common Kenyan Swahili culture, and expressing devotion to God through joyful praise and intimate worship African style.

Objective 3: Socializing as a Kenyan catholic community in the DMV area through Kenya culture, thereby bringing members and their families together, hence making them feel at home when they get together.



“Spiritual joy arises from purity of the heart and perseverance in prayer.”

-- Francis of Assisi

Goal # 9: Deepen moral, spiritual, social, emotional or material support towards one another by: >>>

Objective 1: Forming a cohesive Kenyan community in DMV.

Objective 2: Upholding a community that is bolstered by members commitment to be there for one another in times of need and joy.

Objective 3: Encouraging members to support each other and be there for each other in good and hard times.

Objective 4: Inspiring members to support each other morally, spiritually and financially.

Objective 5: Emboldening members to support one another where possible.

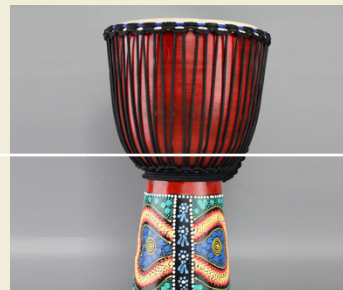
Objective 6: Enhancing mutual support and encouragement within the jumuiiaa.

Objective 7: Promoting an environment where every person is loved and cared for in such a way that they feel accepted, valued and have a sense of belonging in the Jumuiiaa.

Objective 8: Facilitating socializing opportunities for members to get to know one another.

Goal # 10: Uphold communal belonging and ownership by: >>>

Objective 1: Promoting an understanding of communal ownership, upheld by the belief that the jumuiiaa is everyone's jumuiiaa and everyone's voice is valued and welcomed.



Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Goal # 11: Strengthen outreach and coverage by:

Objective 1: Reaching out to other East African/Kenyan Catholics in community located in DMV area, thereby influencing community's righteousness through evangelism and community linkages.

Objective 2: Presenting the message of Christ in a way that is meaningful to regular attendees including invited non African guests, young and adolescent children, single, married etc.

Objective 3: Bridging gender, socio-economic and generational gaps so as to create a community where all people can relate together in a spirit of love and unity.

Goal # 12: Create and grow new formations including:

Objective 1: Creating and growing Catholic Women's Association.

Objective 2: Creating and growing Catholic Men's Association.

Objective 3: Creating and growing Marriage encounter group.

Goal # 13: Support the less fortunate by:

Objective 1: Offering the less fortunate with voluntary service.

Objective 2: Offering financial and material support to less fortunate.