

Our New St. Brigid Parish Identity (Logo)

In the new logo of St. Brigid Parish, the circle and the cross come together as one symbol. These two universal icons signify our Christian belief in eternal life with God. This representation also respects the heritage of our two parish churches with the round circle connecting us to the well-known image of Our Lady of Humility at OLH Church, and the natural wooden cross at St. Patrick Church. The colors are fresh and modern, yet timeless and natural. They might also reflect the shades of blue and green of the patrons of our individual churches of Our Lady of Humility and St. Patrick.

The image of the cross in the center of the logo reflects the primary symbol associated with the cross of St. Brigid of Kildare, Ireland. Woven by her from the green rushes that formed the “carpet” on the floor of a chieftain’s house as he lay dying, she explained the life and death of Jesus. When he listened to her story, he asked to be baptized before he died. We too, are called to lead people to Jesus.

Our mission, given by the Master, is to spread the Good News to all the world. HOW we do that is by being witnesses to our faith in the way we live, what we say, and what we do. This is expressed in the textual words of our logo, which also reflect the themes of Renew My Church: *Come and See, Follow, Remain in Me, Go and Make Disciples*.

EVANGELIZATION – by virtue of our Baptism, we are called to invite others to discover or grow in their relationship with Christ. Just like St. Brigid and many other saints, we share through our words and actions, all the time. This leads others to *Come and See*.

SACRAMENTS - are the very heart of our relationship with God. The more we experience these direct encounters with our Lord, the more we are moved to *Follow* him more closely. As followers, we are not just “fans,” but true disciples.

COMMUNITY - As human beings, we have a need to belong, and to know that we are accepted. This can be a starting point for participation in parish life, even well before specific faith-related activities. Then that bond of friendship and spiritual family can lead to developing a stronger bond with Christ, and understanding of his invitation to *Remain in Me*.

CHARITY - When we have charity, we have love. And this love fills us up, spills over, and needs to be shared with others in the very many ways that our parish is present and active. In gratitude, we give of ourselves, and are energized to care for those in need, and to *Go and Make Disciples* in the world around us.

Each of us can relate better to one or more of these words and phrases that lead us to be a Christ-centered community. Our situation in life affects which of these concepts take priority, and that can change even daily. By seeing these words on a regular basis in our logo, we can form a stronger foundation and identity of who we are as Catholics and as a parish family.

