

**ST PETER CELESTINE CHURCH  
PARISH VISION  
2005**

Fr. Tom Newton set out his vision of Church along with his vision of a parish and particularly, the parish of St. Peter Celestine Church. In collaboration with the newly formed Parish Pastoral Council, a vision for St. Peter Celestine was developed. The process was extensively based on prayer, reflection, sharing and a strong sense of the Spirit working through all those participating.

The following vision is meant to speak for the St. Peter Celestine community and all that we presently stand for and are moving toward in our journeys with each other and with God.

**THE VISION**

**At the heart of St. Peter Celestine Church's vision is a dynamic movement toward the transformation of spirit and soul in each person. This journey, rooted in a spirituality that gives witness to God in all aspects of life, is intended to lead all those who desire it to a place of inner peace and joy.**

**Seeking a return to the original purpose for a community of believers, the vision lives and breathes such concepts as inclusiveness, acceptance, and understanding of God's people. Led toward and grounded in a model of contemplation, a Spirit-filled transformation is possible. This transformation encourages each individual, as well as the community as a whole, to embrace his or her own woundedness. In embracing our wounds we, individually and collectively, come to know God at a deeper and more personal level. In making this inner journey, we allow God to touch our souls and thereby transform our lives.**

**From this deeper soul level, we then develop a passion and joy for a renewal of the Spirit. This in turn calls us to action on behalf of the Gospel of Jesus as we reach out to all people created by God. It is in our interactions with one another that we bring the Good News to all who come to us for rest, renewal, and refreshment.**

**The core of our spiritual life together is the Liturgy and the celebration of the Eucharist. Nourished at the table, we are given the courage to transform ourselves and so in turn transform the world. Our enthusiasm for worshiping together and celebrating liturgy well energizes us to embrace one another with unconditional love**