



Office of Faith and Culture
Archdiocese of Hartford

OFFICE OF FAITH AND CULTURE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

"One body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism;"
(Ephesians 4, 4-5)

We are blessed that our Archdiocese ministers have many cultures that share a common baptism and communion. Coming to understand each other is the first form of hospitality!

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VISION

The Office of Faith and Culture (OFC) of the Archdiocese of Hartford answers God's call in developing a greater awareness of our diversity and working together with pastors in discovering the communion with Christ. This unsurpassable gift is made flesh in the culture of each person who receives it. OFC supports the great commission. (Matthew 28:16-20)

We are blessed with many cultures that share a common baptism and one faith, all in communion with Christ.

The OFC, with all our parishes, are engaging in discovering the "Many Faces in the House of God" and the one faith that unites us all.



Our Archdiocesan community includes; European Americans, Ghanaians, Brazilians, Haitians, Korean, Vietnamese, Hispanic Latinos, Portuguese, African Americans, Filipinos, and many more.



MISSION

The Office of Faith and Culture promotes communion and identity in the faith. Welcoming diversity to all cultural expressions, strengthening intercultural relations, offering pastoral support, unity in diversity programs, and promoting the teachings of the Church through trainings, parish lay leadership, and multicultural archdiocesan events, where evangelization of youth is vital in its process.



Intercultural relations

We will advance greater competence in intercultural relations in the ministry.

Collaborating with our bishops and supporting our pastors in carrying out their priorities in faith and formation, intercultural relations, social justice awareness, the promotion of marriage, the fostering of vocation to the priesthood, religious life, and the evangelization of youth.



SYNOD

The OFC understand this fundamental reality of the new American cultural landscape and following the pronouncements of the Archdiocese of Hartford's Synod Concluding report promotes encounters between cultures. From these encounters, we can learn from each other and begin to weave a new understanding of what it means to be an American Catholic today. Furthermore, the Church recognizes that this process can only be accomplished if we strengthen our commitment to the universal truths of the Catholic Church, which transcends all our differences. Therefore, the only way to come together is through our Faith and reaffirming in fundamental ways our love for Jesus

Christ, Our Lord and Savior.