



CHRYSALIS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the intention of the Chrysalis experience to offer the young person the opportunity, and to encourage them, to seek a dynamic friendship with God through Christ. Chrysalis declares the Gospel message of Jesus as the Christ who has come to offer that friendship to us. It declares the presence of this Christ through the fellowship of the community bound together by the Holy Spirit. In that community each young person is encouraged to grow toward being the unique person he/she was created to be and to grow in the service of Christ by serving one another and the world around them.

This dynamic spiritual growth involves dying to the old self and by the gift of faith, rising to the new self in Christ.

Day One builds toward a service of reconciliation with God in which one symbolically dies with Christ by letting go of all that stands between oneself and God.

Day Two focuses on the rising with Christ with the hope that each person can have a new life, as Christ rose on Easter morning. The goal is to build a community of love and worship leading up to the encounter with Christ in Holy Communion.

Day Three is centered on the love of God which empowers each person to serve, going forth to be Christ in the world. As a Christian increases in faith and hope, each seeks ways of loving in the name of Christ.

The symbol of caterpillar-chrysalis-butterfly is used to represent the death, resurrection and new life found in Christ. Chrysalis is the cocoon state of the butterfly. It is the intention of Chrysalis for each person to experience the living Christ, through worship, scripture, systematic teaching and the living Christian community. It is designed to encourage the young person to become intentional and more mature about living out his/her faith in God through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Christian pilgrimage is one of continually dying to the old self and rising to the new self in Christ. This pilgrimage is a gift of faith and of grand and of hope. It is the gift of faith which brings us to a friendship with God. It is the gift of grace which empowers us to love—to love ourselves and others and ultimately God. It is the gift of hope which gives us a sense of what is possible for God to do in our lives and in our world. It is the goal of Chrysalis to help make each of these gifts a reality.

