



PILLARS OF THE SURSUM CORDA COMMUNITY

JESUS -> RELATIONSHIPS -> CULTURE -> MISSION

In Sursum Corda Community, we come from all walks of life, all ages, and all professions. Like most in our society, we are struggle to balance the demands of work and life, yet we strive to make our faith first. These pillars form the life of well-balanced Catholic laity and provide the essential underpinning for building community. It is a life-long effort to grow as a disciple, so we strive to grow in our faith daily, to support one-another, and to live our call to evangelization as best we can.

The first pillar is dynamic, engaged faith represented by “Love Jesus” and is the bedrock of the others. The second is to “Cultivate Relationships”, which means we are committed to developing and maintaining healthy relationships, and this flows from the foundation of Jesus and the Church. The third is to “Build Culture”, here we are mining 2000 years of treasure from the Church’s understanding of Goodness, Truth and Beauty and incorporating it into our homes and lives. Again, the third builds on the second, we can’t build culture if our relationships are unhealthy. The fourth is to “Live Mission”, this recognizes the identity we have through baptism as children of God and sharer’s in Jesus’ office of Priest, Prophet and King. We understand the call of all Catholics to evangelize: bring healing and renewing the world around us.

We don’t grow to full maturity in one pillar before we move to the next, we work to grow in all four, but understanding the pillars are prioritized and each one feeds the next, and depends on the strength of the preceding pillar. The effectiveness of our missionary efforts will depend on how well we can live by the first three pillars and then *invite* people into this environment, our lives, and our community. The chart below represents major themes of each of the pillars.

