

An Important letter from the Collaborative Pastoral Council

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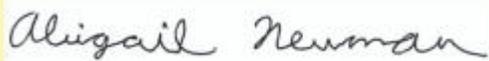
To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Collaborative Pastoral Council of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Hanson, MA and Our Lady of the Lake Church in Halifax, MA, I would like to express my firm support of the proposed merger of our two parishes. After several months of prayerful consideration and discussion with the diocese and our collaborative family, the council has voted unanimously in support of a merger of our parishes.

A merger best ensures the future of our faith community. We are distinctly aware of the implications that a merger involves and understand that it is a necessary step moving forward. As a community, we have grown very close as a result of our collaboration, and in part, with the Finance Committees of our two parishes, we believe that formally joining together as a new parish will allow us to both better share our resources and become stronger as members in the Universal Body of Christ. Overall, we feel that not only is this the best next step, but also the only feasible one if we are to avoid the closure of both churches in our community.

We would like to thank our fellow parishioners, the clergy, and all those involved in this decision-making process. Additionally, we ask for everyone's continued prayer and support as we discern and act on matters that have a large ripple effect on the lives of all members of our faith community.

In Christ,



Abigail Newman

Youth Representative of the St. Joseph the Worker,
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This letter was reviewed and unanimously approved by all Collaborative Pastoral Council Members.

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