



Implementation Update #7

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The recordings from our May 10, 2017 workshop with Mark Mogilka on “Best Practices for Building Interparish Collaboration” are ready for viewing:

Session 1: Setting the Context for Collaboration and Cohort Development

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bju0X6syeWQ>

Session 2: Culture Matters – The Challenge of Unity in Diversity

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gH0t9je_DE8

Session 3: Transitions and Organizations

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NfVqa9CJnGg>

Session 4: Cohort Best Practices

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOhFdwqIEIU>

For your consideration...

The diocese and each of its parishes is made up of an incredibly diverse collection of Catholics. We are young and old, able and disabled, hearing and deaf, native to the diocese and “transplants,” of every race and ethnicity, from many countries of origin. Like the threads in a tapestry, this diversity is our beauty and strength. We are a great “community of communities.” This is as true for parishes as it is for the diocese as a whole.

At the same time, we are united by our baptism in Christ, by our belief, and by our faithful participation in the Eucharist. We are one Church unified in mission under the care and direction of our Bishop. Together, we are being built up into the one Body of Christ. Just as diversity should not lead to division, unity does not manifest itself in uniformity.

- **How is your cohort building up unity and celebrating diversity?**
- **How are you working toward the full integration and inclusion of all?**
- **Who is missing or feels alienated from your community?**
- **Are there obstacles to participation that can be removed?**