

The Collaborative Parishes of



Our Lady of the Lake,
Halifax

And

St. Joseph the Worker,
Hanson/Pembroke



Pastoral Plan

2019-2022



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History

In 1907, William Cardinal O'Connell entrusted the communities of Hanover, Hanson, Pembroke, Halifax and Plympton to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Hanover. In 1920, Rev. Patrick Walsh became pastor of the Hanover parish, and took up residence in the Monponsett Hotel, located near the Hanson/Halifax border. Masses for the summer residents were held in a dance hall near the Monponsett railroad station. As the area grew and summer residences became full time residences, the need for a permanent parish in the area became apparent.

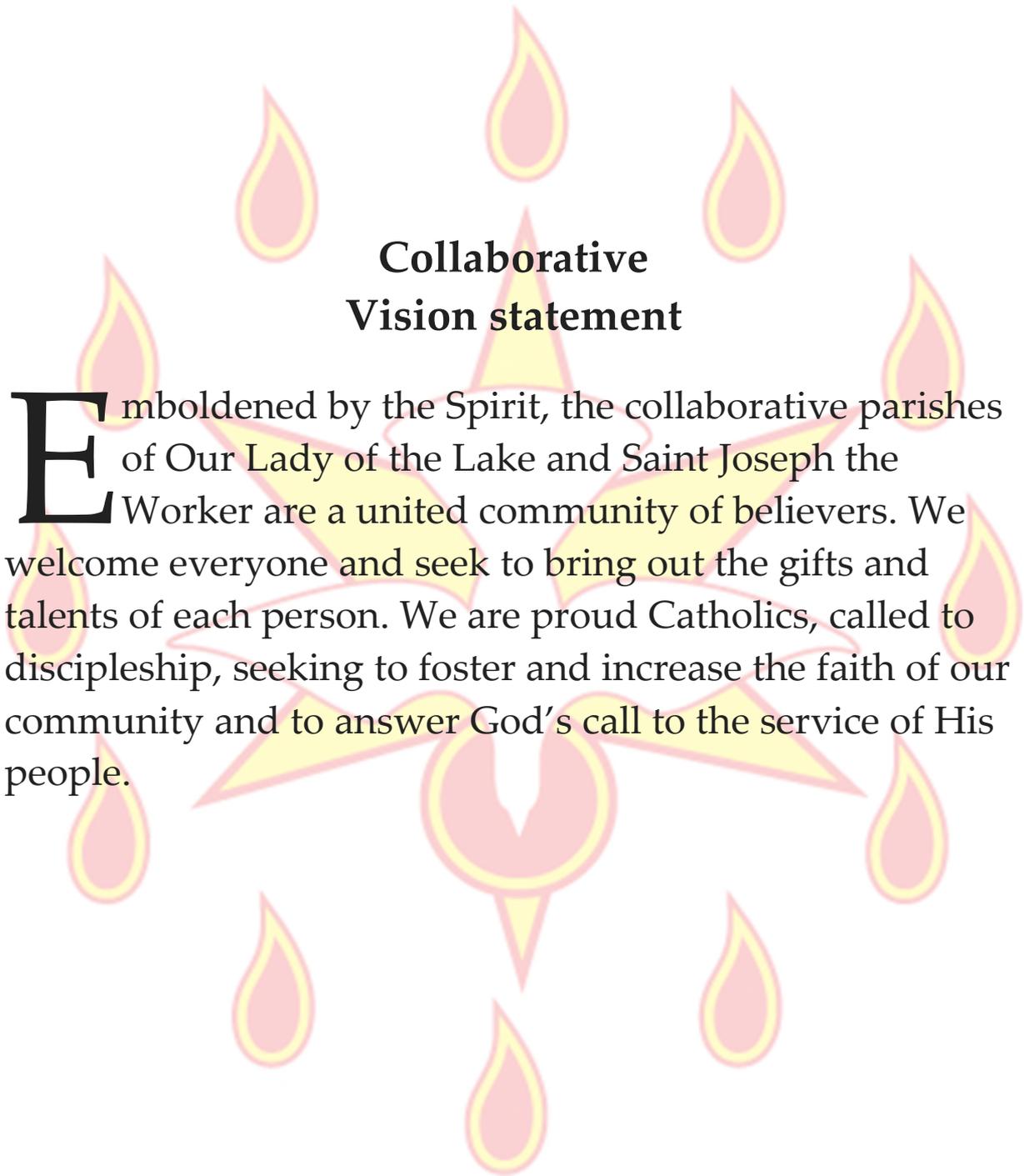
In 1922, the mission-styled church, Our Lady of the Lake, was blessed and dedicated on the shores of West Lake in Halifax by William Cardinal O'Connell. In 1938, a church dedicated to St. Joseph was built to serve the people of Hanson and nearby Pembroke. In 1945, Archbishop Richard Cushing separated Monponsett from Hanover, and Our Lady of the Lake became a standalone parish along with its' mission church, St. Joseph's in Hanson. In 1956, Hanson was separated from Monponsett and dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker.

Throughout the many years, the parishes of Our Lady of the Lake and St. Joseph the Worker have been joined not only geographically, but spiritually as well. Just as our Blessed Mother and her husband St. Joseph were devoted to Jesus, so have the parishes dedicated to their names devoted themselves to sharing the Gospel message with a strong Catholic identity. These parishes have shared priests and parishioners, hope and heartache, good times and bad times.

As these two parishes are joined together again through collaboration in the Disciples in Mission program of the Archdiocese of Boston, we pray that God continues to bless these parishes with fruitful ministry.

In Jesus' Name,

The Pastoral Plan Writing Team



Collaborative Vision statement

Emboldened by the Spirit, the collaborative parishes of Our Lady of the Lake and Saint Joseph the Worker are a united community of believers. We welcome everyone and seek to bring out the gifts and talents of each person. We are proud Catholics, called to discipleship, seeking to foster and increase the faith of our community and to answer God's call to the service of His people.

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Collaborative Pastoral Plan Goals



Vocations: Create a Collaborative culture to foster vocations through prayer, invitation, and events, with a goal of one vocation being discerned by June 1, 2022.

Sunday Experience: Create a collaborative team charged with recruiting and training of parishioners to serve at Parish Liturgies by June 20, 2021.



Collaborative Unity: Plan and host 3 annual activities/social events that, through communion and prayer, create and nourish

a sustainable bond of spirituality, friendship and community between our parishes by September 1, 2021.



Youth Ministry: Establish a comprehensive high school youth ministry by May 2020 for the purpose of forming young disciples.

Priority: Vocations

Goal: Create a Collaborative culture to foster vocations through prayer, invitation, and events, with a goal of one vocation to the priesthood being discerned by June 1, 2022.



Milestone 1: Form and train a Vocations Team - January, 2020

Working with the Archdiocesan Vocations Team, the collaborative will identify, educate, and train a team to recruit potential vocations.

Milestone 2: The Vocations Team will identify three prayer related activities directed toward increased Vocations - June, 2020

The Collaborative Vocations Team will create a Vocations Prayer Team with a mission of praying specifically for vocations. The Collaborative will add prayers to the General Intercessions at Mass, as well as prayers for vocations before Mass. The Vocations Team will plan and lead a Holy Hour for Vocations for the Collaborative.

Milestone 3: Increase awareness of vocations within the Collaborative. December, 2020

The clergy of the parishes will share their stories with the community through the use of social media, websites, bulletin announcements and one-on-one encounters. The clergy and Vocations Team will coordinate with Faith Formation to identify and coordinate dedicated vocation time during classes. The Vocations Team will begin to identify potential vocations within the community and seek out those who may be discerning.

Milestone 4: Support and foster opportunities for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, or Religious Vocations – June 2021

The Vocations Team will identify parishioners discerning a vocation and invite them to RCAB vocations events, including the St. Andrews Dinner and the Sts. Martha and Mary Dinner. The Vocations Team will coordinate parish Vocations Awareness events, including witnesses to vocations for the Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious Life and other Lay vocations. The Collaborative will sponsor a candidate to a *Quo Vadis* retreat.

Priority: Sunday Experience

Goal: Create a collaborative team charged with recruiting and training of parishioners to serve at Parish Liturgies by June 20, 2021.

Milestone 1: The Pastor selects a chairman of the team and coordinators (point people) for each ministry within the team: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Servers, Music Ministry, Arts & Environment, Acolytes, Sacristans, and Money Counters - January 2020



Pastor selects coordinators for Liturgy Team with a renewable term of three years. Liturgy Team works with the Pastor to determine the needs for each Ministry. Liturgy Team works on recruitment process for each individual ministry with a goal of increasing volunteers for each ministry.

Milestone 2: The Clergy and Liturgy Team organizes training programs for each separate ministry in order that each coordinator understands the role he/she is taking on and will be able to train each member of his/her ministry - April 2020

The clergy and Liturgy Team will create training programs for each ministry, and mentor and train each coordinator in order that the coordinators can then train new recruits to their individual ministries. Prepare written guidelines for each ministry based on approved liturgical and diocesan rubrics. Educate the parishioners via ministers sharing their own experiences in serving in their ministries. Train ministers using the prepared programs.

Milestone 3: Have regular liturgy team ministry meetings with the clergy and coordinators from each ministry to plan and discuss liturgical celebrations - June 2021

Hold monthly, (or seasonally,) meetings to organize Sunday and other Liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Plan minister schedules for the year ahead.



Priority: Collaborative Unity

Goal: Plan and host 3 annual activities/social events that, through communion and prayer, create and nourish a sustainable bond of spirituality, friendship and community between our parishes by September 1, 2021.

Milestone 1: Create a Collaborative Unity Team – March 2020

The Pastor identifies parishioners from both Parishes to be members of the Collaborative Unity Team. The Collaborative Unity Team begins building cohesion through team building and creating common goals.



Milestone 2: Collaborative Unity Team develops events to promote unity for the Collaborative –

August 2020

Collaborative Unity Team will evaluate current events at each parish to determine opportunities to enhance unity at each event. The Team will also develop new events, both social and spiritual, to help unite the communities of Our Lady of the Lake and St. Joseph the Worker.



Milestone 3: Plan and host events – November 2021

Designate committees for each social and spiritual event. Promote the events through bulletin announcements, social media, and other parish channels. Host each event with the goal of successfully bringing together parishioners from both parishes.



Priority: Youth Ministry

Goal: Establish a comprehensive high school youth ministry by December 2020 for the purpose of forming young disciples.

Milestone 1: Assemble a youth ministry leadership team comprised of both youth and adults –
January 2020

The pastor will identify individuals interested in leading youth ministry at the collaborative via advertising, interviews, and personal encounters. The pastor will name a volunteer coordinator of youth ministry to oversee youth events for the collaborative. The Coordinator will assemble a prayer team of interested individuals as well as resources from the Archdiocese of Boston to evaluate the current youth programs and design a program for the Collaborative.



Milestone 2: Develop the Youth Ministry Team – April 2020

The Youth Ministry Team will meet for prayer, Team building, and training. The Team will begin to develop the youth program. The team will poll youth and adults as to the types of events and activities youth may be interested in.

Milestone 3: Gather interested youth for informational meetings and input into the youth program – September 2020

The youth ministry team will host several events between the two parishes, inviting youth to participate in different activities, beginning with a kick-off event in

September 2020.



Communication Plan

Phase 1 – Make Collaborative Pastoral Council, Finance Councils, Ministry Heads and Collaborative Staff aware of the Pastoral Plan Vision and Goals.



Phase 2 – Communicate to the Parishes through town meeting, websites and bulletin announcements the Pastoral Plan Vision and Goals.

Phase 3 – Communicate through announcements at Mass and bulletin columns the details of the Goals.

Phase 4 – Elicit feedback from parishioners regarding the awareness and outcomes of the Pastoral Plan.

Phase 5 – Convene the Plan Writing and Implementation Teams to review and adjust as needed.



A Prayer for Our Parish Families

We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own incarnate Son,
to become part of a family,
so that, as He lived among us,
He would experience both worry and joy.

We ask you, Lord,
to protect and watch over our parish families
as we embark on this new journey in faith,
so that in the strength of your grace
our members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace,
and, as the Church alive in our communities of
Halifax, Hanson, and Pembroke,
we may bear witness in this world to your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

—Adapted from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

