



FAMILY OF PARISHES QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – PART 3

NOTE: THIS IS GENERALIZED BACKGROUND INFO ONLY, EXCEPT FOR WHO WILL BE IN OUR FAMILY GROUP, NOTHING HAS BEEN FINALIZED YET

The goal of the Family of Parishes model is that we will become three parishes working together cooperatively as a family, sharing resources and talents for the common goal of being mission-driven.

Some things will remain the same but other things will need to shift for the sake of the whole family.

As with any process, there will be various terms used in discussions and info presentations. This Q&A will focus on explaining some of the TERMS USED FOR CONSIDERATION IN DISCUSSIONS & PLANNING.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. WHAT IS A PASTORAL TEAM?

Pastoral Team members are those who are involved in the day-to-day ministry of the parish (pastor, associate pastor, deacons, parish ministry staff, secretaries, parish nurse, caretakers etc.). The Family of Parishes model would best share staff resources, (example: a Sacramental Minister would prepare candidates in all parishes).

2. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL?

As per the Diocese Guidelines and Canon Law, the Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory body, to assist the pastor in fostering the spiritual life of the parish. Working with the pastor, the Council's sole purpose is to enhance the process of pastoral planning, developing pastoral programs and improving pastoral services. The Pastoral Council for the Family of Parishes would include representatives from each individual parish.



3. WHAT IS A BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR?

A business administrator would serve as an advisor to the pastor on business and administrative matters. This would include the supervision and management of all financial activities, administrative functions, human resources, church office personnel, and parish facilities. Although the pastor is ultimately responsible for decisions, the purpose of a parish administrator is to allow the pastor maximum freedom to provide pastoral care to the parish community. Although the Diocese “strongly recommends” this position; it will be up to the pastor and the Transition Team to evaluate and to determine what best suits the needs of the family.

As we prepare to embark on this process, we ask for your prayers, support and patience. Your prayers for a smooth transition are crucial.

May the Holy Spirit guide us along the way!

Coming soon: Part 4- What is a Transition Team

All parts of this series will remain on our website.