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Pastoral Planning for Our Third Century



Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother,
present our prayer of thanksgiving to your Son.
Beg from Him the graces we need to be faithful disciples
who follow Him with enthusiasm and joy.
May our witness to the love of God bear fruit
in our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts.
Teach us to be God's joyful witnesses,
to radiate Christ in all we do,
so that all people might know, love and follow your Son
through this life and into the next.
Amen.



Luke 5:36-39

“No one tears a piece from a new cloak to patch an old one. Otherwise, he will tear the new and the piece from it will not match the old cloak. ³⁷

Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be ruined. ³⁸

Rather, new wine must be poured into fresh wineskins. ³⁹ [And] no one who has been drinking old wine desires new, for he says, ‘The old is good.’”

What is the new wine you see being poured into our old wine/way of doing things?

What will happen if all we do is say “The old [wine] is good” and not let God pour new wine into our new way of being a Family of Parishes?

From Pastoral Regions to Families of Parishes

208 Parishes

109 Pastoral Regions

May have more than one pastor

Mostly autonomous

Sunday Masses focused on building specific

Little collaboration

Resources spread thin

Families of Parishes

One pastor with parochial vicar(s)

Unified leadership

Collaboration

Sunday Masses more focused on entire Family

Shared ministry and resources



The current reality

General Demographics

- Since 2010 the percentage of Catholics vs. overall population in the Archdiocese declined from 14.2% to 11.9%
- Our 65 and older population is the fastest growing age group at 32.2% over the last 10 years and 14% over the next 5 years. Retiring Boomers giving and liturgy attendance are a significant source of current stability.
- Flat to declining birth rates for the last decade will impact the Archdiocese and society for next 25 years

Parishes

- Mass attendance declined 22.5% over the last 10 years
- Church Facility Utilization declined from 47.7% to 37.0%
- Catholicity has declined in households (-5%) , Sunday Mass attendance (-22.5%), and Sacraments (-19.4%) from 2010 to 2019
- High number of churches located in areas of lower Catholicity which is typical of older cities in the United States

I am interested in getting LOCAL statistics and data on this to make the best decisions.

The current reality

Schools

- Live birth and student populations have declined and are projected to be flat
- Student enrollment declining (-14%) in past 10 years and projected to continue (-5 %) yet moderate in next 5 years
- Schools largely are not located close to areas of high potential
- **I believe that our Religious Education enrollment would reflect similar stats.**

Priests

- Archdiocese may not be able to support more than **60-65 pastor assignments** to a parish region/family over the next 10 years; pastor of a single parish will be an anomaly.
- Currently 26 (15.9%) pastors are eligible to retire and 10 (6.1%) pastors are at mandatory retirement. **(22% of Priests can retire today leaving 22% of Parishes and Regions without the Sacraments)**

Overview

Strategic Planning
December 2020 – November 2021

Data gathering and analysis
Discerning Families of Parishes

Pastoral Planning Design
March 2021 – July 2022

Principles, parameters, vision points
Pastoral Planning Pathway

Family Pastoral Planning
March 2022 –

Pre-Inventory – Spring 2022
Planning team – Summer 2022

Communications
December 2020 – December 2022

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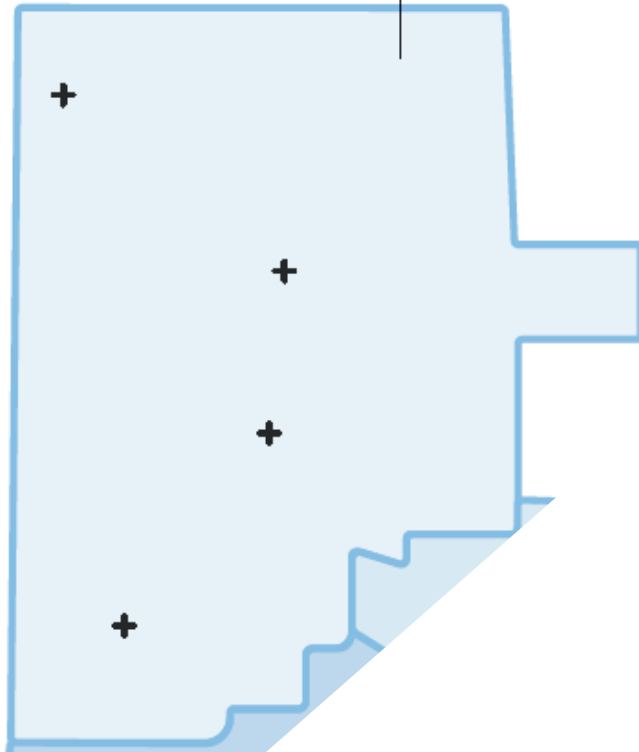
Model of Family of Parishes

Central Deanery - (C1)

5 Things to Know

C-1

- St. John the Evangelist, New Paris
- Visitation, Eaton
- St. Mary, Camden
- St. Mary / Campus Ministry, Oxford



1. This is a **DRAFT MODEL** and things can change
2. It is Proposed that our Three Parishes will join with St. Mary in Oxford and the Miami University Campus Ministry
3. The Draft accounts for TWO PRIESTS serving the Family of Parishes. One Pastor and one Parochial Vicar (Assistant Priest)
*1 Priest - Campus Ministry and funded entirely by the Archdiocese
4. Priests are permitted to celebrate no more than **TWO Masses per Day**
5. Priest Assignments will not happen until Spring of **2022 (February/March)**

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Your Feedback

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- What are the strengths of the draft Families of Parishes?
- What are your concerns?
- What ideas do you have for improvement?

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