

Families of Parishes

DRAFT MODELS

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Outline of our “Listening Session” on October 3, 2021

Prayer — Spiritual Reflection — Meditation

5 Things to Know — How to Give Your Comments

Opening Prayer

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.””

Spiritual Reflection led by Fr. David Doseck

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

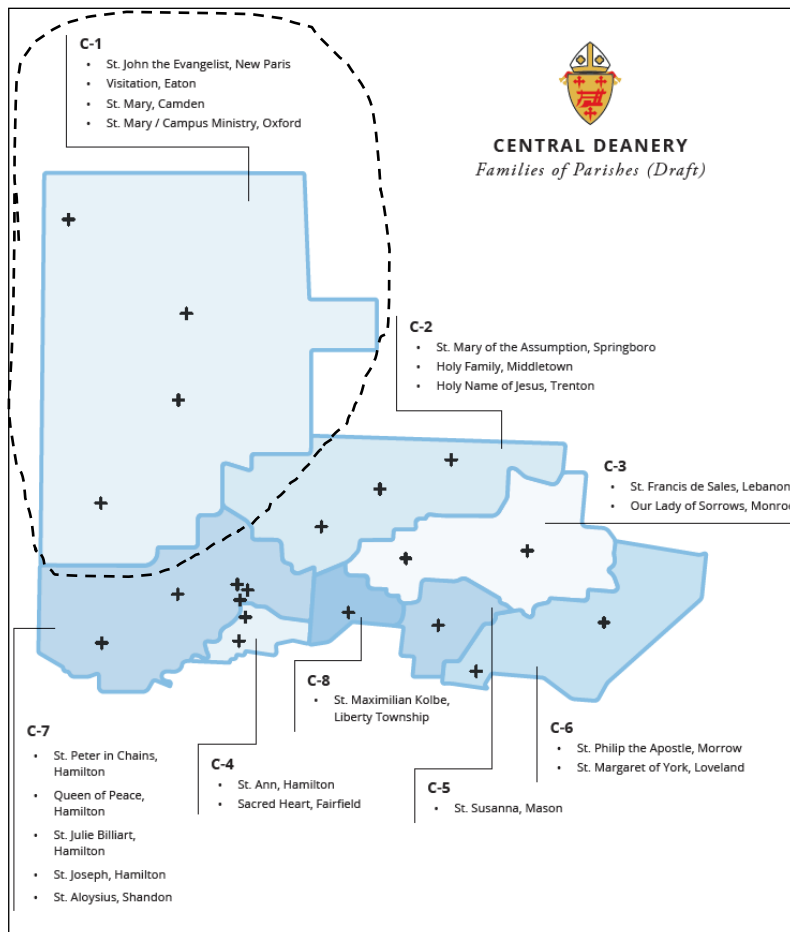
What will happen if all we do is say “The old [wine] is good” and not let God pour new wine into our new way of being a Family of Parishes?

Meditation Song — “New Wine” by Hillsong Worship.

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Five Things to Know

- 1) **This is a DRAFT MODEL and things can change.** So, it is important to raise your voice and give feedback through the public comment process.
- 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).** **A separate Priest will be assigned specifically to the Miami University Campus Ministry and funded entirely by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- 4) **Priests are permitted to celebrate no more than TWO Masses per Day.** The current Mass Schedule has 8 Masses (2 on Saturday—6 on Sunday) between all the parishes in the family. Any reduction in Masses and/or change in Mass times will involve much consultation and participation from parish staff, parish councils, and all the faithful.
- 5) **Priest Assignments will not happen until Spring of 2022 (February/March).** Many priests will be moved and Pastors will be chosen with stability in mind for our journey together as a new family.



GIVING FEEDBACK

How can I get involved?

You are invited to: (1) pray for the archdiocese; (2) stay informed by checking out the information found on www.BeaconsAOC.org and by reading The Catholic Telegraph; and (3) provide thoughtful feedback on the draft Families of Parishes. We welcome all feedback online at www.BeaconsAOC.org between now and until Oct 20.

What if I don't have a computer?

Your parish office can help you access printed versions of the proposed Families of Parishes. You can then send your written feedback to Beacons of Light, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. Eighth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.