

Family of Parishes 2020



On Pentecost Sunday of this year, Archbishop Vigneron announced the next step in the missionary transformation of the Archdiocese of Detroit: **Families of Parishes**.

Over the next year-and-a-half, all parishes in the archdiocese will join together into groups of three to six, called "Families of Parishes." Going forward, these Families of Parishes will work together, sharing resources and talents to further advance the shared mission of our local Church.

There will be two waves of parishes beginning to operate within their new Families of Parishes. The first wave will begin preparation in January of 2021 and will launch in July of 2021. The second wave will begin preparation in January of 2022 and will launch in July of 2022. Here is the grouping in our Vicariate. All Families are part of wave two.

SERF Vicariate Family 1

Holy Innocents – St. Barnabas Parish, Roseville
Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Clair Shores
St. Isaac Jogues Parish, St. Clair Shores
St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, St. Clair Shores
St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish, Roseville

SERF Vicariate Family 3

St. Ambrose Parish, Grosse Pointe Park
St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, Grosse Pointe Park
St. Matthew Parish, Detroit
St. Paul on the Lake Parish, Grosse Pointe Farms

SERF Vicariate Family 2

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Grosse Pointe Woods
St. Basil the Great Parish, Eastpointe
St. Joan of Arc Parish, St. Clair Shores
St. Lucy Parish, St. Clair Shores
St. Veronica Parish, Eastpointe

One of many questions that have been asked is:

How will parish finances be handled within a Family of Parishes?

Families of Parishes will have significant common ministries and outreach that will necessitate the sharing of resources. The Pastors and Moderators have the responsibility to ensure that all parishes in each Family share in these resources and costs on an equitable basis. This will require structures enabling transparency of finances and good communication about administrative matters among the parishes in each Family.

Each parish within a Family will remain solely responsible for its own financial viability. This includes establishing appropriate parish budgets, coordinating parish fundraising, and controlling parish costs. Accordingly, each parish will be required to have its own Parish Financial Council comprised of parishioners, as is true today.

I encourage you to visit <https://www.familiesofparishes.org> for all information, videos, talks, questions and answers, documents, updates re the restructuring and transformation of the Archdiocese.

PRAYER

Father in Heaven, renew your wonders in our time,
as though by a New Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to move boldly
into Families of Parishes with confidence.

Deepen our desire for every person to encounter Jesus
anew, grow daily as his disciples and give witness to
his love and mercy.

This is our mission! And we embrace it anew.

Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit,
praying perseveringly and insistently with one mind,
together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and
guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne and Bl. Solanus Casey,
may increase the reign of the Divine Savior,
the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and
peace.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen