

PARISH MERGER TRANSITION TEAM MINUTES

Sts. Peter & Paul

St. Sylvester

Holy Trinity

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WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU



**What is Bishop
Fernandes’
decision for our
consortium?**

**Sts. Peter &
Paul, Holy
Trinity & St.
Sylvester
will remain
open as
churches.**

**One newly
established
canonical
parish will
be formed.**

**Why is it necessary to merge
into one parish?**

The result of Real Presence Real Future was that all three parishes will remain open but merge financially to simplify procedures and have more efficient use of resources.

- The three parishes of our consortium will be issued a Decree of Suppression, and one parish will be formed. All three churches will remain places of divine worship.

SUPPRESSION by definition is a decree issued by the bishop that ceases a parish’s existence, but the church itself remains open as a place of divine worship.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ?

THE TRANSITION TEAM REPRESENTIVES ARE HERE TO LISTEN AND ADVISE THE PASTOR. FEEL FREE TO ASK QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR JUST DISCUSS YOUR THOUGHTS

- BOB BOCH
- THERESE CUTRIGHT
- SUE WELLS
- JANE LEACH
- JEFF ELLIOTT
- CHELSEA TAYLOR
- PAUL BOGGS
- TONY PERIAT
- CORI HOLZAPFEL
- KATHLEEN BLEDSOE
- TIM WOJDACZ
- MARY ELLEN NOSE
- LORENE WOOLUM
- DEANNA STROTH
- SCOTT COFFMAN

What will the new parish be called?

THE NEW PARISH WILL BE GIVEN A SINGLE NAME THAT REPRESENTS ALL THREE CHURCHES. THE NAME WILL BE SELECTED BY THE PASTOR, AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE TRANSITION TEAM MEMBERS AND PARISHIONERS. THE NAME WILL BE APPROVED BY THE BISHOP. ALL THREE CHURCHES WILL RETAIN THEIR NAMES. HOLY TRINITY, STS. PETER & PAUL, ST. SYLVESTER.

Benefits:

By Bringing together all our families with so many different talents and perspectives, we have a chance for deeper personal conversion and stronger evangelization going forward.

Parish Finances

Will each church have a budget?

We will have one set of books and one budget. New envelopes will be distributed with the New Parish Name.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE FINANCES OF THE ENDOWMENT?

Our finance committee is looking into the endowment funds held by the Catholic Foundation and getting the agreements for each fund to determine their specific uses/purposes. We are working on a smooth transition of existing endowment funds with the understanding that the intent of the donor must be honored.

When is the expected completion date of the process?

The Bishop in collaboration with the pastor, will determine the suppression date. Our goal to become one parish with multiple churches in the fall of 2024.

HOW DO WE HOPE TO GROW AS A NEW PARISH?

We have a unique opportunity to grow our faith community through this process. While change is never easy, we must grasp the potential that this opportunity presents us to combine our resources, talents and time to meet the needs of God's Kingdom. A few of these benefits are:

- *Finding a new mission together*
- *Religious education*
- *St. Francis Center*
- *Totus Tuus summer camp*
- *St. Sylvester summer mission students*
- *Church Festivals*
- *Youth Catechesis*
- *Altar & Rosary Society*
- *Bingo*
- *Support in common community goals*



TOWNHALL MEETING

EACH PARISH WILL HOLD INDIVIDUAL TOWNHALL MEETINGS AFTER MASS ON APRIL 28TH, 2024



Please review our Newsletter and meet with our Transition Team members after Mass at each Parish

OUR TRANSITION TEAM IS HOSTING TOWN HALL MEETINGS TO ANSWER ANY REMAINING QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT OUR MERGER. APRIL 28TH, 2024 FOLLOWING EACH MASS

Please Join us on April 28th

740-384-2359
Please call the Parish Office if you need more information

St. Sylvester
Holy Trinity
Sts. Peter & Paul

Jackson Vinton Catholic Consortium Transition Meeting Minutes

DATE March 5th, 2024

TIME 6:00 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Jane Leach

IN ATTENDANCE

Chelsea Taylor,, Katheleen Bledsoe, Tony Periat, Sue Wells, Therese Cutright, Tim Wojdacz, Cori Holzapfel, Rain Shamblin, Paul A. Boggs Sr., Jeff Elliott, Bob Boch, Jane leach, Father Thomas Herge, Elaine Rannells

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N/A

MEETING TOPICS DISCUSSED PER AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction of all team members
 - a. The Columbus Diocese Strategic Implementation Guide was dispersed and the applicability of this guide was discussed and included: identifying our mission and goal to bring the gifts to our community within the catholic faith; creating our new identity as one parish, and determining financial congruency.
 - b. Emphasis reviewed as to the "why's" of this transition: We are now 1 priest with 3 churches and one parish, merging of 3 current parish operations including both financial and business aspects
 - c. Overall goal of team is to demonstrate unification of parish and provide accurate information to parishioners
- II. Planning for Townhall meeting with parishioners
 - a. Suggestions included multiple town hall meetings and a large meeting with representative from The Catholic Foundation
 - b. Sub-Committee for Townhall's
 - i. Members: Jane Leach, Tony Periat, Chelsea Taylor
- III. Sub-Committees Identified
 - a. Financial Sub-Committee
 - i. Members: those members on the current financial committee (2 representatives from each current parish), those in attendance include Tony Periat and
 - b. Townhall Sub-Committee
 - i. Members - see above
 - ii. Responsibilities: Determine best format and approach for town hall meetings, organize dates and times of meetings amongst all churches
 - c. Flyer Sub-Committee
 - i. Members: Terese Cutright, Elaine Rannells, Rain Shamblin
 - ii. Responsibilities: Create/Draft flyer with important information regarding the transition with getting accurate and clear communication to all parishioners
 - iii. Flyer from Ross-Pike Catholic Consortium was shared. Team members providing suggestions to emphasize no changes upcoming in mass times and a section about "why parishioners should care"
 - d. Vision/Mission/Patron Saint Sub-Committee
 - i. Members: Jeff Elliott and Bob Boch

- ii. Responsibilities: identify and develop a new vision and mission of our consortium/parish, including possible patron saint ideas
- IV. Methods and Frequency of Communications
 - a. Team Members – email for large communications or text
 - b. Parish Communication – flyer, town halls, word of mouth by transition team members
 - i. Team members encouraged to keep message positive to parishioners with emphasis of the church is not closing, all three churches will be united for large activities and projects, there will be improvements to business efficiency
- V. Begin helping pastor to discern and articulate a new mission and vision for the parish
 - a. Sub-Committee assigned (see above)
 - b. Evangelization team to meet April 18th, 2024 with Diocese of Columbus
 - i. Terese Cutright to be added to team
 - ii. Vision and Mission subcommittee also invited to join this team
- VI. Updating of Registrations
 - a. This will be a process which will improve communication
 - b. May be a good effort once software systems are updated and combined
- VII. Merging Financial Aspects
 - a. All parishes of Columbus Diocese to eventually be in Telma Software
 - b. Goal of merge of parishes to be completed by 1st Quarter of fiscal year, September 2024
- VIII. Grief/Loss Strategies for Parishioners
 - a. Evangelization Leadership – activities, youth, community events
 - b. Improve and restore the relationship of Christ among each other in the Churches and the Parish as one entity

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:22 pm by Jeff Elliott, second motion by Bob Boch.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:22 pm

NEXT MEETING

TBD, Subcommittees to meet within 2 weeks

Jackson Vinton Catholic Consortium Transition Meeting Minutes

DATE April 16, 2024

TIME 6:04 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Jane Leach

IN ATTENDANCE

Kathleen Bledsoe, Bob Boch, Paul Boggs, Jeff Elliott, Fr. Herge, Cori Holzapfel, Jane Leach, Tony Periat, Rain Shamblin, Chelsea Taylor, Sue Wells, Tim Wojdacz, Scott Coffman, Deacon Bart, Lorene Woolum

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Jeff Elliot, Second by Cori Holzapfel

MEETING TOPICS DISCUSSED PER AGENDA

- I. Catholic Foundation Discussion regarding current endowments with Dan Kurth from the Foundation.
 - a. Reviewed process of amending endowments and the processes in which to do so. Goal is for funds to be amended by the official merge date before current parishes are formally suppressed.
 - b. Among the three parishes there are a total of 8 endowments
 - i. 4 of these endowments are to be amended with the signature of Father Herge
 - ii. 4 of these endowments are to be amended through an abbreviated process through the Attorney General's office.
 - c. In order to start this process, the name of the new parish is to be established and the suppression letter is to be issued.
- II. Financial Inquiry with Pam Downard
 - a. Once new parish name established the federal ID will need to be changed to a new name
 - b. Checking account and financial accounts are to be merged
 - c. There will remain separate accounts for the cemeteries
 - d. Mass intentions will be merged
 - e. All utilities/bills will be updated to reflect new name
- III. Subcommittee Review
 - a. Vision/Mission/Patron Saint Sub-Committee
 - i. Possible names discussed - St. Hubert, Divine Mercy, and St. Paul the Apostle
 - ii. Father to have draft letter for the bishop hopefully by next meeting with the suggestions of St. Hubert and Divine Mercy
 - iii. New Parish Mission and Vision Statement

"United in the Spirit on the Way of Salvation: We allow the word we hear to take root in our hearts and community. We respond to our call to holiness. We proclaim Christ, the wisdom and power of God. We worship the Father in Spirit and truth. We use God's gifts for love and service."

Hear—Respond—Proclaim—Worship—Love

- b. Flyer Sub-Committee
 - i. Copies of flyer available for all to review
 - ii. They have been placed in all churches for parishioners
- c. Townhall Sub-Committee
 - i. 3 small meetings with transition team members and parishioners after Masses on 4/28/24
 - ii. Team will develop talk points/outline for those who may want further guidance for small town hall meetings

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:02 pm by Tony Periat, second motion by Cori Holzapfel.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:02 pm

NEXT MEETING

May 7th, 6pm

Jackson Vinton Catholic Consortium Transition Meeting Minutes

DATE May 7, 2024

TIME 6:05 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Jane Leach

IN ATTENDANCE

Kathleen Bledsoe, Bob Boch, Paul Boggs, Scott Coffmann, Terese Cutright, Jeff Elliott, Father Herge, Cori Holzapfel, Jane Leach, Rain Shamblin, Chelsea Taylor, Sue Wells, Lorene Woolum, Tim Wojdacz, Kevin Wechter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Tim Wojdacz, Second by Terese Cutright

MEETING TOPICS DISCUSSED PER AGENDA

Old Business:

- Review & Feedback from Transition Team members after information sessions at individual churches
 - o Holy Trinity
 - Questions were brought up regarding changing mass times and if those will change
 - Name choices in which Divine Mercy had the most interest as compared to St. Hubert
 - Concerns brought forth of parish transparency
 - List of questions given to present to team
 - o These questions were briefly reviewed and discussed
 - o One point discussed was having an open meeting for all parish members to attend. PAB meetings are open to the public and will be put in the bulletin to encourage others to attend. Further finalization of how parishioners will be invited to speak via open microphone or contacting office ahead of time to be put on agenda to be determined with PAB president and Father Herge.
 - o Chelsea Taylor and Father will meet individually to provide further written response
 - Noted discussions of how there needs to be more community involvement
 - o Saints Peter and Paul
 - Discussion of name change, official vote which preferred Divine Mercy as new parish name

- Parishioners noted the need for improved communication and social engagement at the church
- Questions about merging of ARS, etc. Father indicated the need for us as a parish to determine based on our own specific needs. There does need to continue both a Parish Advisory Board and Finance Committee as we merge to one parish.
- There are cemetery maintenance needs
- Identified as needing monthly coffee and donuts to improve church community as this is done at Holy Trinity and St. Sylvester
- St. Sylvester
 - Discussion of Mass times, it is very difficult having a Mass so late, but they are adapting
 - Discussed the designation of money
 - Discussed names of the new parish
 - Overall, there was a good sense of community and understanding of the merge
- Father will email the Bishop the name suggestion of Divine Mercy for new Parish Name.

New Business:

- Nominations for Parish Advisory Board
 - Will be Sunday during Masses for new 3 Parish Advisory Board Members
 - Ending terms are Jeff Elliott, Sue Wells, Kathleen Bledsoe
- Information included in the bulletin
 - Improve communication among the 3 churches
 - Suggestions included a financial snap shot, access to minutes of meetings (via online)
 - We will email minutes for approval then get Transition Team Minutes posted online
 - Will start with greeters at SPP to get bulletin the hands of parishioners
- Ideas to bring parishioners together and increase involvement
 - Post transition team notes online once minutes have been voted for public viewing
 - Establish a youth group leader
 - Performing community activities – such as yard clean up
 - Wine, Women, and the Word group
 - Add/Invite financial committee members to PAB for more thorough discussions with future decisions
 - Begin Church Drive for Personal Care Items for St. Francis Newman Center
 - Will get flyer and boxes at each Church
- As of now no other huge objective items for the Transition Team. Father to work with office staff and diocese for ongoing suppression of current parishes and erection of new parish.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:04 pm by Jeff Elliott, second motion by Tim WodWojdacz.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:04 pm

NEXT MEETING - PARISH ADVISORY BOARD

August 6, 2024