

Name of Parish: The new parish will be named by the Bishop, but he will consider suggestions from the present parishes. The parish councils will come up with a process that gives parishioners the opportunity to suggest names.

Pastor: The Bishop will appoint the Pastor about two to three months before the approved merger date. Priests of the Diocese are usually given an opportunity to indicate their interest in a parish due to have a new pastor, and the Personnel Board would make a recommendation to the Bishop. However, the Bishop may choose to bypass this process and make a direct appointment of a pastor.

Collaboration Between Our Parishes: Beginning sooner rather than later, our parishes can begin to become accustomed to change. Some suggestions that will be explored:

- Our administrators exchanging parishes for Sunday Mass, something easy enough to do inasmuch as we have the same Sunday Mass schedule.
- On a given Sunday, a Mass (i.e., 10 am) could be cancelled at one site and celebrated only at the other site.
- Our music groups could exchange parishes.
- By shared publicity, our parishioners should become familiar with each parishes special events, liturgical and social. Some St. Paul parishioners should be named to the newly established St. Felicitas social affairs committee.

Communication: The deliberations of the Joint Councils will be reported to parishioners in each parish's *Sunday Bulletin*. Each bulletin will carry the same information in the same words. The responsibility to prepare these reports has been assigned to Deacon Louis Pecek (P). The article you are reading is the first of these reports.

Parish Directory: There was some pro and con discussion about the preparation of a photo directory of the new parish's members for the opening date of the new parish. This discussion came to no immediate conclusion.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Joint Councils will convene on April 27 at St. Paul at 7:30 pm. Discussion at that meeting will be based on four documents:

- Chapter 28 of the *Consolidation Manual* titled "Suggested Process for Merging a Parish: Process and Checklist."
- "Reconfiguration Plan - Q & A"
- "St. Felicitas Church"
- "St. Paul Parish of Euclid: Organizations and Ministries"

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