

To the parishioners of St. Joseph and Saint Agnes:

We would like to keep the people of both parishes up to date in the process of exploring the possibility of a collaborative relationship. On February 23, we held our initial meeting at St Joseph's with the priests and 3-4 representatives from each parish community. We all felt it was a successful and productive experience. First and foremost, we concluded that our meetings will be followed by a collaborative note for each of our bulletins as we will not have any secrets. Our first meeting was basic information sharing between the two parishes. It was an uplifting experience as we shared our visions of what we like about our respective parishes. We also shared a history of our parishes with each other.

We have scheduled our next meeting for April 25 at St. Agnes. We will conduct a self-study of our own parish staffs and councils to share with each other. We will discuss what we do well and what we do not do well. We wish with the help of God, to explore how we can make each other better parishes and servants of the people of God. It is our sincerest desire to be autonomous parishes with a strong sense of collaboration in a community that stretches beyond our perceived walls. May God bless our endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Dennis Wieland

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