

Note on Collaboration of Parishes:
St. Vincent Pallotti and St. Therese

January 6, 2023

Dear St Vincent Pallotti Parishioners,

The St Vincent Pallotti Parish Council wishes to inform you that we are beginning a new and exciting Collaborative effort with the St Therese Parish to better utilize our combined resources. This has been a recommendation of the Archdiocese for some time. So what does this mean?

To begin with, there is a shortage of Vocations to the Priesthood, and the Archdiocese does not have enough Pastors to meet the needs of all Parishes. Additionally, membership has declined across the Archdiocese. The membership and Sacramental activity is down significantly in both St Therese and St Vincent Pallotti Parishes. Thus, St Therese and St Vincent Pallotti will begin sharing a Pastor by June of 2023.

With that sharing of a Pastor comes the Collaboration effort to review all the activities the two Parishes currently have in place. This effort will lead to a better utilization of our resources, and leverage our efforts to better serve our Parishioners and the broader Communities we live in. Remember that the Church's Mission is to make Disciples of people, teach them about God and how to achieve Eternal Salvation.

The Finance Councils and the two Trustees at each of the Parishes will continue as is and handle each parish's financial activity. All other activities will be reviewed by 4 Work Groups comprised of 1) Facilities; 2) Worship; 3) Human Concerns; 4) Formation and Stewardship. The Work Groups will be comprised of 4 members (2 from each Parish) from the Collaboration Committees that have been established. Their task is to review all the activities the two Parishes currently have, determine Best Practices, and make recommendations on how best to utilize the combined resources of the two Parishes going forward. These recommendations will be made to the assigned Pastor for the two Parishes.

The Work Groups will utilize input from the existing committees, staff, and individual Parishioners in each Parish to determine the best way forward in making their recommendations. It is expected that this review/recommendation process will be accomplished in the January to late spring timeframe.

The St Vincent Pallotti Parish Council fully supports this effort and is in agreement that this should improve our utilization of existing resources to accomplish the Parishes efforts to grow Discipleship and lead them to Eternal Salvation.

St Vincent Pallotti Parish Council