

Family of Parishes Announcement

January 7, 2021

Earlier this week it was formally announced that our Family of Parishes, including: Our Lady of Mercy, St. Benedict, St. Joseph, St. Thomas Aquinas, Queen of Peace, Sacred Heart and St. Michael, will be activated in July 2021.

The priests who will be serving in this Family of Parishes starting on July 1st will include: Rev. Brian Jane as Pastor; Rev. Anthony Eboh, Rev. Jan Burczyk, C.S.M.A., and Rev. Jose Montepeque, as Associate Pastors. Rev. Matthew Bedard will be with us serving the Cluster Parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Michael until the end of June. Sometime in June, we will have a time to celebrate his time in the parish, and to thank him.

All other staff members remain working in this new family.

The Diocese of London is in its third phase of implementation of Family of Parishes model. We have been working with and learning from other dioceses that have similar models of parish organization. Our goal is to ensure that the transition over the next six months is as smooth as possible.

Families of Parishes will create the stability needed that will allow our parishes to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and to form intentional disciples. This is our goal; this is the mission of the Church. The transition will lead us to focus on this mission.

Nothing will change until July, but you will hear about the changes that we will have to make in order to work together as a Family of Parishes. We will be looking for your input on some of these changes in due course.

Like all families that grow and change, there will be bumps, bruises, and blessings along the way, but this change will open us up to new and marvelous ways of witnessing to Jesus in our world, our diocese, and our neighbourhood.

Let us pray to the Holy Spirit and to our patron saints for the success of this endeavor.

Let us also keep Rev. Ray Masse in our prayers as he continues with his cancer treatments.