



OLG PARISH UPDATE

Our parish's Leadership Team is committed to keeping parishioners up to date on this important Archdiocese's initiative to respond to current realities facing parishes. This includes answers to questions, recent developments, and parish opportunities to participate in the process.

This past fall, Archbishop Etienne announced a new strategic and pastoral planning initiative called "Partners in the Gospel". It will bring most parishes together into a new family structure with two or more parishes, eventually creating a new parish. The pastor, parish leaders and parishioners will determine how this new family will best join together to carry out the mission of the Church as one parish. The proposed timeline is:

	Archdiocese of Seattle	OLG Parish
Fall 2022		Formed a Leadership Team
January 2023	Public Launch of Strategic Plan	Offered Parish & School Information Meetings
Lent 2023		Small faith sharing groups meet to help build stronger faith community
Spring 2023		Listening Sessions offered for people to share initial thoughts about Partners
Fall 2023	Proposed Parish Families announced with invitation for public feedback	Opportunities in parish, including school, to continue to grow in prayer and dialogue while we provide feedback to Archdiocese about initial proposal
Early 2024	Final parish family structure announced with assignment of new Pastor	OLG continues to operate while also beginning to build relationships with the other communities that make up the new parish family
July 2024	Parish families go into effect with one Pastor	Celebrating Fr. Kevin's well-deserved retirement and welcoming new Pastor
2024-2027	Assist parish families in their efforts to become one new parish	Parish families have up to three years to journey together to become one new parish

See our parish [WEBSITE](http://www.olgseattle.org/partners-in-the-gospel) for more information and current updates from the Archdiocese and our Parish Leadership Team (www.olgseattle.org/partners-in-the-gospel)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Can you define what it meant by "parish" and "parish family"?

A **parish** is defined as a certain community of the faithful stably constituted within the archdiocese, whose pastoral care is entrusted to a priest as its proper pastor under the authority of the Archbishop of Seattle. **Note** that the term parish refers to the community of people and not the sacred building designated for divine worship — the church (with a lowercase "c").

A **parish family** is a group of two or more neighboring parishes under the leadership of a pastor and one or more parochial vicars. Over time, the parish family will determine its own consultative leadership team(s) and how they may share resources such as staff, campus buildings, ministries and outreach to become one new parish.

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