



June 26, 2024

Dear Fathers, Deacons and Parish Leaders,

We are nearing the implementation date for Partners in the Gospel. Again, I wish to thank you for your continued leadership and engagement in this process. You set the tone for your staffs and the people of God, which makes you such an important role model and champion for the hope that comes with changes like this. Together we can improve how we're structured, how we're engaging people, and how we're reaching the margins so that we can help people truly live the joy of the Gospel!

Here are a few key updates about this weekend's announcement:

Letter from Archbishop Etienne for July 1st

Archbishop has written a letter to the People of God about this change. We ask that you please share this letter with your community. You may wish to read it at Masses this weekend, post it on your website or share in your digital newsletters. Please download the letter here: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Vietnamese](#).

Talking points for pastoral leaders

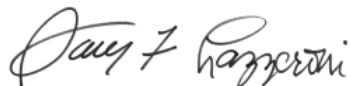
During this time of transition, we have the opportunity to remind people why we are making these changes and help them see the future possibilities that may come with Partners in the Gospel. Please read and access the [talking points here](#).

Support for you

By now, the majority of you have met with your parish liaison who will be serving and journeying with your community over the next few years. They are here to help navigate, provide guidance and advice, and ensure your team is getting what it needs to successfully become one canonical parish. Please continue to partner with them as well as your contacts at the Chancery since we are all here to serve you.

I am amazed and so grateful that we have come to this milestone in our journey. It has been an honor to work on this, and I thank each of you for your partnership. Together we will help people come to know and love our Lord! Please reach out to me or the team at partners@seattlearch.org with any questions or concerns. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire us to seek the renewal this effort offers us.

Sincerely in the Lord,



Fr. Gary Lazzeroni

For all Partners in the Gospel parish materials

<https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/forparishespartners/>

Monthly Intercessions

July

For the elders in our parishes, that as we strive to become one family, we will draw on their wisdom and treasure the history of our communities.

August

For the poor in our community, that working together as a parish family, we may find ways to respond to their needs more effectively

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