

**Bulletin Article for Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John the Evangelist,
St. Lawrence, St. Leo the Great, St. Mark**

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Pastoral Planning Task Force Update

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met again on December 12. After opening prayer and faithsharing, here were the highlights:

- Members from each parish or clustered parishes worked together to begin creating emergency plans in the event any weekend Masses need to be canceled because of weather or a priest's sudden illness. They identified how the parish currently communicates sudden changes to parishioners as well as other methods of electronic communication that should be considered.
- Members created more specific ideas of how our 7 parishes can collaborate to encourage local vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate. Also, as part of the task force's work to prepare for an expected smaller number of priests serving our parishes, specific ideas were developed for ways to invite, train, and support parishioners to take increasing roles.

During early 2023 we will be seeking parishioners to work on 3 collaborative initiatives of our 7 parishes: reaching out to inactive parishioners, a shared vocation approach, and developing a shared website to communicate what is happening in all our parishes. Task force minutes and previous bulletin articles are now available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>