

ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS
CONNECTED IN THE SPIRIT
INDIANAPOLIS DEANERIES
May 21, 2014

DEANERY: North

COHORT: 5/6

PARISHES:

Christ the King
St. Lawrence
St. Luke
St. Matthew
St. Pius X
St. Andrew

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Saint Lawrence Parish, Saint Matthew the Apostle Parish, and Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish to be in a Specific Partnership

Saint Pius X Parish, Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, Christ the King Parish, Saint Lawrence Parish, Saint Matthew the Apostle Parish, and Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish to be in Partnership

Goals:

1. Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish, Saint Matthew the Apostle Parish, and Saint Lawrence Parish are to strengthen their existing partnership activities and explore new ways to share resources, in particular:
 - a. Coordinated Mass Schedules
 - b. Pastoral ministries
 - c. Financial administration, facilities administration and other resources
2. Learn from and collaborate with St. Luke's model of "Volunteer Coordinator" which seems to help their efforts very successfully in promoting participation in ministry
3. Develop programs that will promote young adult and youth ministry
4. Continue efforts to create a unified liturgical preparation program
5. Analyze Mass attendance and church capacities, especially at Christ the King, St. Matthew, and St. Lawrence, and reduce number of weekend Masses offered. Where possible, partner parishes are to coordinate their Mass schedules
6. Strengthen training for liturgical and pastoral ministries
7. Develop engaging evangelization programs and processes creating warm and welcoming parishes who effectively proclaim the Gospel
8. Design and implement effective lifelong faith formation programs with an emphasis on adult faith formation
9. Plan and implement vocation awareness programs including priesthood, diaconate, vowed religious, sacramental marriage and committed single life
10. Recognize the gifts of the people from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds and reach out to meet their needs
11. Promote good stewardship of human and financial resources

12. Promote and support Elementary Catholic schools and Bishop Chatard High School

Rationale:

These goals are based on the goals and criteria of *Connected in the Spirit* established by the Archbishop, the parish studies and Parish, Cohort and Archdiocesan data as well as the parish responses to the Preliminary Recommendations.

The Specific Partnership of Saint Lawrence Parish, Saint Matthew the Apostle Parish and Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish is created to recognize the existing relationships the three parishes share and to vitalize the Catholic presence in their communities.