

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

**DEANERY: North**

**COHORT: 7**

**PARISHES**

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
St. Joan of Arc  
St. Thomas Aquinas

**CITIES**

Indianapolis  
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**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Saint Joan of Arc Parish, and Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish to be in Partnership**

**Goals:**

1. Formalize a common training for pastoral and liturgical ministries
2. Partner in the area of Youth Ministry programs (Junior High, HS and Young Adult)
3. Develops ways to further enhances the Deanery High School (Bishop Chatard)
4. With the assistance of the Archdiocese, identify the best option for Catholic campus ministry at Butler University
5. Collaborate in adult faith formation ministries
6. Do a collaborative ministry evaluation to determine which parishes excel in particular areas and determine how the three parishes might conserve resources and enhance ministries
7. Develop a coordinated Mass and liturgy schedule
8. Develop engaging evangelization programs and processes creating warm and welcoming parishes who effectively proclaim the Gospel
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. Take active steps to coordinate all ministry programs as appropriate

**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 their Response to the Preliminary Recommendations. There is a desire to have a strong Catholic presence in the area where ministries continue to grow and unnecessary duplication of services can be eliminated.

