



## GOOD NEWS BULLETIN ◊ JULY 25, 2021

Our Family of Parishes launched on July 1, consisting of the parishes of Christ Our Light, Guardian Angels, St. Anastasia, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Lucy Croatian. On Tuesday, July 13, the staffs from our parishes came together in a spirit of fellowship to talk about some important steps in moving forward as a newly established Family. It is an exciting time for all of us to rebuild and renew our shared commitment to the mission and ministries of our parishes. We are collaborating together to assist you to be able to live out your baptismal call and serve God and one another. Listed below are some important initial steps for the parishes and our new Family.

- Step One: The priests in our family are currently working on our Priest Covenant/Agreement. This agreement between the clergy in our Family is to be completed by August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Step Two: To continue to welcome back parishioners in our parishes, as well as revive and build up our ministries as we rebuild after COVID.
- Step Three: To continue to renew mission-based ministries and to develop new opportunities for the baptized to participate.
- Step Four: Coordinating collaboration with the family ministries. In this step we will examine areas of possible collaboration between parishes.
- Step Five: Assigning Family chairpersons for the ministries of: *Discipleship Formation, Engagement, Evangelical Charity, Family Ministries, and Worship*. These assignments will be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Step Six: Develop a Missionary Strategic Plan for our new Family. The target date for the completion of this plan will be January/February of 2022.

We've all heard the phrase "Rome wasn't built in a day." This is also going to be true of our new Family. The meeting had a sense of excitement with opportunities. All the parishes have gifted and talented staffs. When I looked around the room at our meeting last Tuesday, my heart was filled with hope because of the loving servant leaders we have on each parish staff. The future is very bright!

Peace,

Fr. Tony Richter  
Family of Parishes Moderator