

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

**October 29-30, 2022**

**Pastoral Planning Task Force Update**

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met again on October 4th. The task force began with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reminding ourselves of the abiding presence of the Lord. The pastoral leaders provided an update on shared staffing and programming: Amanuel Malik now directs faith formation for Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, and St. Charles Borromeo, while St. Lawrence is in the initial phases of integrating into this ministry; our 7 parishes (along with several others) have either Marisa Stieve or Christopher Frontale directing financial operations; St. Leo and St. Mark shared a vacation bible school. The rest of the meeting was devoted to continuing to work on objectives for 2022-2023 in 3 different areas: 1) collaborative ministry, 2) what we can do at our level to prepare for a reduced number of priests serving our parishes, 3) identifying recommendations we would like to be able to make to the Bishop for the time when he has no one to appoint to replace a reassigned or retiring priest.

The pastoral planning getting underway in our parishes is not identical to the strategic planning that occurs in secular organizations. Rather, in a context of personal and communal prayer, we will seek to read the signs of the times and discern where the Holy Spirit is leading our local church.

Members of the Task Force are: **Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows:** Fr. William Coffas, Fr. Joseph Martuscello, **Holy Cross:** Joseph DiVincenzo, Ryan Snyder, **Our Mother of Sorrows:** Marc Boeh, David Witkoski, **St. Charles Borromeo:** Fr. John Firpo, Gina Reeder, David Steklenski, **St. John the Evangelist:** Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu, Paul Parkman, Nick Verdino, **St. Lawrence:** Fr. Lee Chase, Steve Amico, Jeri Rombaut, **St. Leo the Great:** Fr. Joseph Catanise, David Jones, Barbara Surash, **St. Mark:** Deacon Frank Pettrone, Peter Blind, Kimm Wesley.