

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

**For Weekend of 7/8-9/23**

**Pastoral Planning Task Force Update**

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met on May 31. This meeting was devoted to a conversation with Shannon Kilbridge, Associate Director of the diocesan Dept. of Pastoral Services. She gave the task force a broader view of the church in the diocese, across the U.S. and the world as well as models of parish leadership and parish configuration being utilized here and elsewhere. Shannon commended our parishes for being proactive in looking at our realities, communicating transparently with parishioners, and working collaboratively to plan for the future. Other planning situations have been directed by the diocese and often connected to an immediate lack of priest availability or financial issues. In contrast, this task force was convened following a discussion/conversation among the pastoral leaders of the 7 parishes. Shannon described pitfalls other groups have fallen into and suggested additional ways to communicate effectively with parishioners. The complete minutes of this meeting are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce> or from the parish office.