



ROAD TO RENEWAL

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Movement to Restore
Trust

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WHAT IS THE ROAD TO RENEWAL?

- An opportunity to reinvigorate and renew our parishes which is accomplished through moving toward a new model of parish life called Families of Parishes
- Address changing demographic and resources
- Renew our Catholic identity and mission where...
 - Every family is a center for prayer, spiritual nourishment and a place to encounter Jesus.
 - Every family is known for charity and healing.
 - Every family and Catholic school will live within its financial means.
 - Every family will have competent leadership

FAMILY OF PARISHES

- Groupings of 3-6 parishes to form a Family community
 - Clergy assigned at Family level
- True participative partnership of clergy & laity
- Family-wide Pastoral plan for:
 - Spiritual renewal, outreach & charity
 - Sacramental ministry
 - Evangelization
 - Catholic education and faith formation
- Streamlined operations

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

| Date | Event |
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| February 2020 | Diocese of Buffalo files for Chapter 11 |
| March 2020 | COVID 19 Pandemic |
| August 2020 | Interim Bishop Scharfenberger establishes Diocesan Task Force for Renewal Initiative |
| September 2020 | Vicar, Presbyteral Council meetings to introduce Renewal Initiative Clergy zoom meetings introducing Renewal initiative |
| October 2020 | Consultation with parishes begins via zoom meetings, Data group analyzes logistics |
| November 2020 | Consultations finish, data compiled, recommendations formulated |
| December 2020 | Pastoral Letter from Bishop Scharfenberger Bishop Michael announced, Renewal paused until his arrival and installation |
| March 2021 | Renewal Initiative begins |

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- Presentations to all Vicariates
 - Bishop Mike met with all priests in each vicariate to share basic information on the Renewal in March and April.
 - Fr. Bryan is now meeting with all vicariates, priests and parish lay leaders to introduce the Renewal and gain feedback
- Via Fidei – Led by Deacons is training and preparing to facilitate self-evaluation phase for parishes as part of the Renewal
- Renewal Teams are being formed:
 - Catholic Education
 - Priestly Life
 - Ministry, Mission and Renewal
- Spiritual life of Renewal is being created to be introduced in June
 - Includes prayer – inviting parishes and laity to adopt a day of prayer for the Renewal

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR ROLL-OUT

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| July 2021 | Draft recommendations of Family of Parishes announced <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Via Fidei begins to pilot parish assessments- Training/Formation programs are crafted- Spiritual life of the Renewal begins |
| September 2021 | Finalization of Families – parish input <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Spiritual life of the Renewal programs started in parishes- Implementation teams for Renewal formed and trained |
| September 2021 | Finalized Family Plan announced |
| October 2021 | Pilot Families announced |
| October 2021 – 2024 | Phased implementations of Family of Parishes begins |

Diocesan-wide implementation expected to occur over 3 years in phases