

# HAMILTON CATHOLIC PASTORAL REGION

St. Joseph's • St. Julie Billiart • St. Peter in Chains

## *Summary of Pastoral Region Plan – DRAFT*

### 1) Mass Schedule

**Proposed Sunday Mass Schedule** (*Pastor and One Additional Priest – Associate or assistance from retired priest and/or religious priest*): At some point during the “transition year,” a new Sunday Mass schedule will be implemented where a total of seven (7) Masses will be celebrated each weekend within the Pastoral Region (two (2) Masses will be celebrated at each parish along with one Spanish Mass St. Julie’s Sunday afternoon). Currently, there are ten (10) Masses each weekend.

**Future Proposed Sunday Mass Schedule** (*Pastor Only*): If/When the time comes when an additional priest (i.e. associate or assisting priest) is no longer available to the Pastoral Region, the following schedule is proposed to be implemented: 1 Vigil Mass Saturday; 1 Early Sunday Mass; 1 Mid-Morning Mass; and 1 Spanish Mass at St. Julie’s. Time and Location of these Masses are to be determined.

#### **Additional Mass Schedules (Daily Mass, Holy Days, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter):**

- Daily Mass schedule will remain the same during the transition year. In July 2017, one Mass per day will be celebrated in the Pastoral Region. Time and location for the daily Mass schedule will be determined during the “transition year.”
- Christmas and Easter Mass Schedule / Holy Week Schedule / Holy Day Schedule: These schedules will be looked at by the Pastoral Staff members during the transition year to determine the best schedules going forward within the Pastoral Region.

### 2) Non-Eucharistic Worship

- **Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick** will remain the same for the near future.
- **Reconciliation**: Once per week at each parish starting in July 2017. Seasonal Penance Service (Advent, Lent) will rotate among the three parishes.
- **Weddings**: Further discussion is needed within this area, especially marriage preparation.
- **Funerals**: Further discussion is needed to coordinate within the Pastoral Region.
- Opportunities exist for future collaboration in this area (e.g. Advent services, Devotions, etc.).

### 3) Deacons, Staff & Lay Leadership

- Maintain three independent, vibrant parishes. The parish staffs will operate collaboratively, assisting each other as needed.
- Explore the possibility of: a Pastoral Region or Parish Administrator to assist the pastor; **Youth Ministry staff member to serve the Pastoral Region; and Bi-lingual staff member(s).**
- Maintain independent Pastoral/Parish Councils, Finance Councils, and Worship Commissions, etc. – Pastor will attend on an as-needed basis only.

### 4) Facilities

- Listing of Facilities (both impressive aspects and improvements needed) has been developed.

5) **Finances**

- The three parishes are to remain independent of one another financially.
- **Collaborative Areas / Shared Expenses:** For determining financial items (e.g. sharing expenses related to the pastor), a Pastoral Region Financial Committee will be established (made up of one representative from each parish finance council and also include the pastor). Where needed, it is recommended that the parishes seek outside facilitation to assist the group.

6) **Catholic School**

- Our Pastoral Region has a strong desire to provide quality education for the children and families of our region. St. Joseph Consolidated School and St. Peter in Chains School will continue to operate within the Pastoral Region.

7) **Faith Formation**

- **Current Collaboration:** PREP (Salary Person), RCIA (Stipend), Family Promise (social outreach), and Vacation Bible School.
- **Potential Areas of Collaboration:** Faith Formation, Bible Study, Sunday Evening Vespers and fellowships, and retreats.
- **Looking Ahead:** It is recommended that the parishes identify leaders involved with faith formation efforts and invite them to begin exploring ways to further collaborate in this area.

8) **Other Parish Programs – Other areas of Collaboration**

**Areas to Remain Separate**

Parish Pastoral Councils  
Rosary Altar Society  
Bereavement Ministry  
School Activities  
Bingo  
Eucharistic Ministry  
Hospitality Committee  
Gardening Angels  
Ushers  
Music Ministry  
Parish Picnic  
Servers  
Achieves  
Church Office Volunteers  
Finance Council  
Money Counters  
Doughnut Sunday

**Current Areas of Collaboration**

RCIA  
PREP  
St Peter in Chains School (St. Peter & St. Julie)  
Vacation Bible School (St. Peter & St. Julie's)

**Possible Areas of Collaboration**

VIRTUS training  
Outreach  
Forming a Regional Council  
Regional Finance Council  
Good News  
Giving Tree  
Prayer line or chain  
Hispanic Ministry  
ACES  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Meals on Wheels  
Cemeteries  
Baptismal and Wedding Prep  
Youth Groups  
Spiritual Life Committee  
Trunk and Treat

**Areas of Improvement**

Volunteers, Fundraisers (Festival), Shared duties/ Expenses

9) **Other Possible areas of Collaboration**

- Pastoral Region Fundraising Initiatives and Events
- Social / Community Building Events that promote fellowship opportunities
- Enhance communication within the Pastoral Region (e.g. Pastoral Region Facebook Page)