



This is an update on Partners in the Gospel, a strategic pastoral planning effort for the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church. The goal is to re-invigorate and transform our parish communities, adapting to the needs of the faithful and our current reality. This strategic pastoral planning effort examines how we can best use our resources to transform and support a vibrant and sustainable parish community, effectively sharing the love of Jesus Christ while serving people in our communities to provide rich liturgical experiences, effective ministries, and faith formation opportunities.

The One Parish Planning process follows a path for how our parish family can understand our gifts, create a new vision, develop a set of initiatives, and form a strategic plan for how we can re-new and transform parish life.

As some of you may know, we have two leadership groups helping us through this process.

Parish Family Leadership Team (PFLT), which is a group of staff representatives from each parish. They are the primary staff consultation and action group for executing the activities related to Partners in the Gospel.

Pastor: Fr. Jacob Maurer

Vicars: Fr. Naresh Gali and Fr Ed White

Admin: John Nolan, Courtney Gunn and Christy Brown

Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC). This is a group of parishioners who volunteer their time to consult with parish leadership and engage parishioners during this process.

Queen of Angels (Port Angeles): Kalli Konopaski and (member needed)

St. Anne (Forks) and St. Thomas Mission (Clallam Bay): John Aldana and Carlos Joaquin

St. Joseph (Sequim): Steve Costigan and Mike Flynn

St. Mary Star of the Sea (Port Townsend): Ann Beck and Lucero Figureoa

Since the introduction of this process in 2024, each of our parish locations completed a Listening Session seeking input from parishioners about our gifts, opportunities, and challenges (Stage 2 “Who Are We?”). The PFAC will be sharing a summary of the input and trends within the next several weeks. Notes taken at the Sessions are available to review at each of the respective parish locations. It is our goal to have those notes also available on the Parish website.

We are now preparing for Stage 3 of the process. The PFAC members will be hosting another Listening Session in each of the parish locations within the next few months. ***Please look and listen for invitations to participate in the Listening Session at your parish location.***



At these sessions shifting the focus on “Who Do We Want to Become?”, all parishioners throughout our Parish Family will have the opportunity to give input on the following questions:

Who is God calling us to become as a new parish? What is our vision for that?

What new groups of people do we want to focus on or prioritize moving forward? Who have we not been serving?

What new ministries and or programs do we want to start, or what existing ministries should we expand to fulfill our vision of who we want to become? What existing ministries is our God calling us to reconsider or leave behind? Is there anything we stop doing or say “no” to so that we may say “yes” to new ministries?

Parishioners are a key part of the process too! We cannot fully answer the questions of who we are and who we want to become without your input!

In the next several months, we will be summarizing the feedback and looking at viability metrics across the parishes to get a full picture of the ministries, outreach, resources, finances, campus needs and much more.

We look to Jesus at the heart of this transformational work, and to His Holy Spirit guiding us. We will respond to what God is inviting us to become through this parish renewal opportunity. We pray that all embrace this One Parish Planning Process with open minds and hearts, and engage as fully as possible. Thank you!

