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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Peace be with you!

I'm pleased to share that we launched the next sections of the Partners in the Gospel Handbook. Big thanks to the many dozens of people and pillar work groups who spent more than 6 months developing this content for you.

This digital handbook lives on the [For Parishes Partners in the Gospel webpage](#) and includes 3 new sections:

- **People section** - focused on new staff structures, job descriptions, consultative structures, decision matrices and more. ([Direct link here.](#))
- **Phase 1** - focused on key activities that would take place during the first year including administrative, communication, hospitality, liturgy, development, IT, pastoral outreach - and more. ([Direct link here.](#))
- **Checklists** - These are high-level check lists that will help you and your liaisons review the key milestones along this journey. ([Phase Zero](#) | [Phase One](#))

I encourage you and your leadership teams to read this material and reference it when needed. We are always looking to improve so if you have feedback or other ideas for what to include in a future handbook section, please let us know. We will be releasing the next sections later this year and will continue to offer monthly trainings on this material.

Looking Ahead

We are approaching our July 1st implementation date and we will send out talking points and a letter from Archbishop Etienne to the People of God the last week of this month in preparation for the first day of parish family life. In the meantime, please be sure to over communicate any Mass time changes in your parish family. Use all the tools you may have: website, signage, emails, newsletters, bulletin, social media, Mass announcements, ParishStaq, etc.

Again, thank you for your engagement and partnership in this historic effort. Please reach out to me or the team at partners@seattlearch.org with any questions or concerns. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire us to seek the renewal this effort offers us.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Gary Lazzeroni

For all Partners in the Gospel parish materials

<https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/forparishespartners/>

Monthly Intercessions

June

For our new parish family - NAME, NAME, and NAME - that over the coming years, we may truly become one family of faith, focused on Christ and proclaiming his Gospel.

July

For the elders in our parishes, that as we strive to become one family, we will draw on their wisdom and treasure the history of our communities.