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Preparing for July 1st

Over the past few weeks, **new pastors and parochial vicars have been connecting with current parish leadership to set up transition plans** and coordinate administrative details. For some parish families, the new pastor has engaged consultative bodies regarding changes to the current Mass schedule. At other parish families, staff are busily planning both farewell and welcome events for the upcoming official changes. All of this preparation is laying the groundwork for the official start of parish families on July 1, 2024, which begins the three-year period of welcoming, restructuring and re-envisioning.

To help parish families with this transition, the **Archdiocese of Seattle hired 8 parish liaisons** who have been trained to support parish families in the process of becoming one parish. Each liaison has been assigned a group of parish families and has spent the last few weeks getting to know the pastors and parish staff at each of their locations as they prepare to journey with parish families over the next few years.

Specifically, **parish liaisons** will use the tools, resources, and other guidance to **help each parish family navigate how to approach prayer and worship**, evangelization, administration, governance and more in their new configuration — accounting for the gifts and needs of its community. They will also support the parish in the creation of the One Parish Plan, which will be presented to the archbishop before becoming one canonical parish in about three years.

In addition to the direct support from an assigned liaison, parish families will have a comprehensive parish support plan and many tools and resources to help them every step of the way. **Chancery teams are ready to support needs or answer questions with a new call center**, ongoing Partners in the Gospel online trainings, and dedicated team members to quickly address parish family needs.

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