



February 20, 2025

Dear Fathers, Deacons and Parish Leaders,

I pray you are all well. Our Partners in the Gospel journey continues as parishes begin to tackle the first steps in the One Parish Planning process. To date more than 40 parish families have set up the Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC), of which more than half have held their first meetings. This is a crucial step in providing the consultative structure to help guide the process. If you have not formed your PFAC yet, I encourage you to do that soon.

We have several important updates for you below:

Mission and Evangelization

Re-envisioning parish life so that we may all be more effective partners in sharing the Gospel is the goal of Partners in the Gospel. To help everyone understand the purpose of this strategic pastoral planning effort - and how to begin to think about new mission creativity - the Mission and Evangelization pillar group developed an in-depth Handbook chapter on it, which you can find [here](#). This will be beneficial for all your ministries to read to foster missionary zeal and encouragement for evangelization efforts.

One Parish Planning

We are preparing a toolkit for a public launch of the One Parish Planning process at the end of March. This will include a video, talking points, a PowerPoint presentation, bulletin inserts, images and more.

Meanwhile, all the public-facing documents related to the first two listening sessions in the "Who Are We?" phase of the One Parish Planning process are now available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Polish (available 2/24). You can access all the documents here: [Who Are We - Archdiocese of Seattle](#)

Standalone Parish Guidance

While there are portions of the One Parish Planning process that do not pertain to standalone parishes which are operated by non-diocesan priests, several sections, such as developing a vision and creatively thinking about mission and evangelization, are relevant. The guidance for standalone parishes can be found here:

[English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Korean](#)

Again, thank you for your continued efforts and focus on this work. I am well aware of the challenges you face, and I want you to know I pray for you every day. Our team is here to support you and to accompany you on this journey. Please reach out to me or our team at partners@seattlearch.org with any questions or concerns.

Also, please do not hesitate to reach out to your parish liaison for support. Again, thank you for your partnership in this renewal effort. 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/>

Upcoming Training

This next year we will be offering a series of trainings targeted at different audiences to help support this journey. Here is a sneak peek at the next few months:

- **March: Consultative/Discernment-based decision making (part 2)**
Webinar for Pastors, key staff/volunteers
 - March 26 from 10-11:30am or March 28 from 2-3:30pm
 - Register: <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/4322/responses/new>
- **April: Pastor Retreat at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center**
 - This retreat requires the presence of all pastors and pastoral coordinators, and begins April 9 at 11:30am and ends on Thursday, April 10 after lunch.
- **April: One Parish Planning and Discernment-based Decision Making Webinar for Consultative Leaders**
 - April 14 from 6-7:30pm

Monthly Intercessions

March

For all the faithful of the archdiocese, that during this holy season of Lent, we may grow in prayer, penance and discernment.

Here is the 2025 set of Prayers of the Faithful, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to use each month.