

**Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) Meeting
Holy Cross | Saint John Vianney | Saint Patrick
July 23, 2025, 6:30pm-8:00pm @ Holy Cross Hall**

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Four Year Trend Reports
- Survey Examples (3 versions)
- Parish Family Current Ministries

Attendees: Ann Navarro, Anne Terry, Juliana Gagliardi, Allie Rucker, Mark Miller, Debbie Orlando, Norma Briggs, Cappri Boitano, Andrea Tulafono, Tim McDaniel, Matt Costanti, Laura Dougherty, Georgina Rawlings, Father David Mayovsky, Father David Mulholland

Opening Prayer – led by Father David Mulholland

Clarification of Goals

A discussion was held regarding the reasons behind Partners in the Gospel and the One Parish Planning process:

- Insufficient number of priests to pastor our communities – Canon Law requires that each individual parish has its own pastor. The current circumstances in the diocese do not allow for that. And in our own parish family, we need three priests to sustain the current Mass schedule.
- Our demographics around our churches have changed, and the populations that are attending Mass aren't always living in those areas.

The ultimate goals of the Parish Family Advisory Council is to create the Long-Range Plan for our combined one-parish family to determine what ministry looks like going forward after July 2027.

Review of Four Year Trends

Data was distributed to demonstrate post-covid trends and to begin to discuss what information needs to be shared with the community and how to do so. Impressions from the data include:

- Mass attendance appears to be steady or increasing depending on the community which makes it difficult to explain the need for reorganization. It will be important to frame the need to reorganize as a way to strengthen the parishes.
- Data on specific ministries within the parishes would be helpful to determine how they are being received in the communities, and perhaps to explain the reasons that folks are coming to Mass. "Is it the program or the faith itself – social or spiritual?" The amount of data that is kept on ministries would be minimal.
- Data should be summarized and tied to specific goals and questions.
- Ministry list and data reveal that we are not (in any of our communities) showing a significant effort at evangelization.
- Saint John Vianney, though small, is an active and highly engaged community despite the numbers and fact that many people have left the island in search of a more Catholic or conservative environment.

Survey Discussions

- The parish survey is intended to begin the process of including parishioners in the discussion around the future of our one parish family. This survey will be distributed separately to each church community in our family and tabulated independently. The goal is to have it out in late August or early September.

The discussion included a review of examples of surveys being considered throughout the diocese.

Committees – to do the work around the following and present to the PFAC at the next meeting for discussion.

- **Data Review** – to determine what data is important to share with our community, when to share it and how to disseminate
 - Mark Miller and Tim McDaniel
 - Caroline Peani will be invited.
- **Survey** – to create a draft, determine how and when to distribute and to assist in tabulation of results
 - Cappri Boitano, Andrea Tulafono, Allie Rucker
 - Caroline Peani will be invited.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm