



Dear Parishioners:

We wanted to take a moment to provide an update on the continuing work of the Collaborative Committee as we prepare the communities of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes to come together as one unified parish.

Father Bill Platt, Father Mark D'Silva, Patrick Turner (Diocesan Director of Strategic and Pastoral Planning), and the Committee have been focused on getting to know the strengths of both communities and looking for opportunities to build and reimagine our parish families. We recognize that you have many questions and we appreciate your patience as we have begun to address tough issues such as Mass schedules, finances, staffing, faith formation and catechetical programs to name a few. While we are solidifying some areas, others will require continued work beyond the June 30 effective date.

One primary focus rests with the Mass schedule. In looking at possibilities, factors such as times and locations, access for seniors and handicapped, and availability of priests will be considered. In addition, how those Mass times will work around the faith formation programs, and the location of those faith formation programs, are integral questions.

We are also currently reviewing finances and potential cost saving opportunities and looking at means of re-engaging parishioners who may have left the two parishes over the years. In addition, we are looking to utilize our existing facilities to their fullest capacity.

Father Platt has been meeting with each of the subcommittees as they work through these issues and many other questions.

Members of the Collaborative Committee include:

Liturgy and Worship:	Jeannemarie Baker, Marsha Casey, Rosemary Hyson, Renato Berzolla
Catechesis and Education:	Jamie Benincasa, Rhonda Morley, Jill Vollmer
Parish Life and Leadership:	George Erensen, Ed Farrell, Bob Rooney
Buildings and Finance:	Tom Devaney, Patrick Grasso, Bob Howe
Communications:	Jessica Baehr, Jill Vollmer (working with Patrick Turner)

It is our goal to host a social event of the new parish community during the summer months and Bishop Caggiano is planning to join with us later this Fall to celebrate Mass and the birth of this new community. Please continue to pray for the success of this process and for those parish leaders who are working on the transition.

Respectfully submitted,

The Collaborative Committee of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes Churches