

ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS
CONNECTED IN THE SPIRIT
INDIANAPOLIS DEANERIES
May 21, 2014

DEANERY: East

COHORT: 1

PARISHES

Holy Cross
St. Philip Neri
St. Mary
SS Peter and Paul

CITIES

Indianapolis
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Church of the Holy Cross Parish to merge into Saint Philip Neri Parish

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish, Saint Mary Parish, and Saint Philip Neri Parish to be in Partnership

Goals:

1. Expand ministry to youth
2. Enhance an understanding of Catholic Social Teaching
3. Collaborate and enhance outreach programs
4. Collaborate on liturgical ministry training
5. Develop a coordinated Mass schedule which eliminates poorly attended liturgies
6. Strengthen training for pastoral ministries
7. Develop engaging evangelization programs and processes creating warm and welcoming parishes who effectively proclaim the Gospel
8. Design and implement effective lifelong faith formation programs with an emphasis on adult faith formation
9. Plan and implement vocation awareness programs including priesthood, diaconate, vowed religious, sacramental marriage and committed single life
10. Recognize the gifts of the people from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds and reach out to meet their needs
11. Promote good stewardship of human and financial resource
12. Take active steps to coordinate a joint RCIA, Youth Ministry Program, Social Outreach, Adult Religious Education Programs, and promotion of Catholic schools (Holy Cross Central School, Saint Philip Neri School, and Scecina Memorial High School)
13. Request from the Office of Deacons that a bilingual deacon be appointed to assist the parishes as indicated in the cohort response

Rationale:

These goals are based on the goals and criteria of *Connected in the Spirit* established by the Archbishop, the parish studies and Parish, Cohort and Archdiocesan data as well as the parish responses to the Preliminary Recommendations.

Please review the Decree to merge the Church of the Holy Cross Parish into Saint Philip Neri Parish. The Decree is available at the Church of the Holy Cross Parish office, the Saint Philip Neri Parish office, *The Criterion*, and the Archdiocesan website.

Regarding the partnership of Ss. Peter & Paul, St. Mary, and St. Philip Neri Parishes the following were considered:

1. The sharing of staff has the potential of enhancing current ministries and adding new ministries.
2. Conserving resources and avoiding unnecessary duplication is good stewardship.

