

UNIFICATION TEAM UPDATES

Meeting Notes July 20, 2022

Our Parish Unification Team, made up of members from all three churches, held its first meeting on July 20, 2022. The team members include Fr. Kris Paluch (Pastor), Leslie Flores (Renew My Church Project Manager), Cathy Walz (Director of Pastoral Accompaniment; Strategic Planning and Implementation), Nick Battaglia, Andrea Senegal, Sandra Slone, Veronica Pollack, Deanna Martin, Mike Hoffman (coverage by Bernie Hoffman as needed), Jimmy Daniels, Chuck Seputis and Evelyn Semik.

The team's mission is to assist and support Fr. Paluch and the members of our newly formed faith community during this transition. Our goal is to create a spiritual home for our community where all feel welcome and nurtured.

Fr. Paluch asked the group to work together to plan our first Mass to be held in our new parish worship space – the former Infant Jesus of Prague parish. The group chose **August 14, 2022** for this celebration. Liturgical, logistics, hospitality and communications committees were formed to help plan this event.

The celebration will include: a unification prayer service at St. Irenaeus at 9:30am followed by a pilgrimage to St. Lawrence O'Toole at 10:15am, where a prayer service will also be held. Finally, parishioners will make our final pilgrimage to our new parish location where a solemn Mass will be held at 11:00am. Bishop Perry and Fr. Paluch will preside. Following Mass, a celebratory meal will be shared.

Meeting Notes July 25, 2022

All members were present, and we were joined by Peggy Dull (Director of Parish Operations). The agenda for the meeting was to further develop the plans and preparations for the Unification Celebration.

The committees were modified to better address the needs of the program as it took shape. The event committees and their contact persons are:

- Reception – Andrea Senegal
- Welcome – Deanna Martin
- Traffic Control – Mike and Bernie Hoffman
- Communications – Jimmy Daniels
- Liturgical – Fr. Paluch

The Unification Team members are hoping for the assistance of parishioners with hospitality and logistics of the day. Opportunities to sign up to help or to inquire about participating in the event will include sign-up options on parish web sites and Facebook pages, sign-up sheets at the parish or by calling the parish office (708) 799-5400.