

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH



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Dear OLR Parishioners,

Since Archbishop Schnurr's letter went out, questions have been arising concerning the transition to the regional collaboration between Saint Matthias and Our Lady of the Rosary Parishes. Everything is not known at this time but we can tell you the following.

1. The official date for the change in pastors is June 1, 2011. In his letter Archbishop Schnurr said that the region implementation was effective immediately. This means that the collaboration between the Parishes is now in process. There already have been planning meetings between the two.
2. There is still some confusion concerning the difference between deanery and parochial regions. This chart can help clarify:

<b>Saint Margaret Mary Deanery</b> (alphabetically)	<b>Local Parochial Region</b>
<b>Dean: Father George Jacquemin (Saint Clare)</b>	
Saint Ann, Groesbeck	Saint Matthias, Forest Park Our Lady of the Rosary, Greenhills Saint James of the Valley
Assumption, Mt. Healthy	
Saint Bartholomew, Brentwood	
Saint Bernard, Winton Place	
Saint Clare, College Hill	
Saint Clement, St. Bernard	
Corpus Christi, New Burlington	
Saint Ignatius Loyola, Montfort Heights	
Saint James, White Oak	
Saint James of the Valley, Wyoming	
Saint John, Dry Ridge	
Saint John Neumann, Mill Rd	
Saint Margaret Mary, North College Hill	
Saint Matthias, Forest Park	
Our Lady of the Rosary, Greenhills	
Saint Therese, the Little Flower, White Oak	
Saint Vivian, Finneytown	

This chart shows how extensive the Saint Margaret Mary Deanery is, whereas our region involves just three parishes. One hundred regions were established within the past 7-8 years to cope with the projection that within 10 years or so there would be only 100 active Archdiocesan priests, who would then be the 100 pastors in the 100 regions. In this way every parish would have a pastor, even though some parishes would share a pastor with one or two (or more) other parishes. It has now come to time that parishes within our region begin to collaborate in various elements of church life, e.g. Mass schedules, religion education programs for all ages, etc. We need to work together also for the promotion of priestly vocations.

3. How much collaboration? That is in the planning stages. But the finances of our two parishes will remain separate. For now, mass times will remain the same. At this time, St. James is not involved.
4. What about School. Those attending Saint Gabriel Consolidated School may continue to do so, if they wish. New student families would probably attend John Paul II School.
5. Father Paul Bader will continue to minister to the people of Saint Matthias, while also doing so for the people of Our Lady of the Rosary, much as he had done for Saint Gabriel's. There is more to be determined and you will be informed as progress is made.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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