

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

DEANERY: West

COHORT: 14

PARISHES

Holy Trinity
St. Anthony
St. Christopher

CITIES

Indianapolis
Indianapolis
Speedway

Holy Trinity Parish to merge into Saint Anthony Parish

Saint Anthony Parish and Saint Christopher Parish to be in Partnership

Goals:

1. Develop a coordinated Mass schedule
2. A well-integrated and comprehensive catechetical plan be developed for the partnered parishes
3. In developing the Cohort partnership capitalize upon the existing staffing resources of the parishes (e.g. pastoral associates, business manager, maintenance personnel, etc.) to alleviate any financial challenges as a result of Holy Trinity Parish merging into Saint Anthony Parish
4. Using available Archdiocesan resources, a focused and sustainable plan for outreach to the unchurched, alienated, and inactive of the area be developed
5. Strengthen training for liturgical and pastoral ministries
6. Plan and implement vocation awareness programs including priesthood, diaconate, vowed religious, sacramental marriage and committed single life
7. Recognize the gifts of the people from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds and reach out to meet their needs drawing upon the support of the Archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry
8. Take active steps to coordinate a joint RCIA, Youth Ministry Program, Social Outreach, Adult Religious Education Programs, and promotion of Padua Academy, St. Christopher School, and Cardinal Ritter High School
9. Continue the support of Hearts and Hands Ministry

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 Holy Trinity Parish into Saint Anthony Parish. The Decree is available at the Holy Trinity/Saint Anthony Parish office, *The Criterion*, and the Archdiocesan website.