



# ST. ANNE'S

May 26, 2019

## **AGENDA**

1. Introductions & Welcome
2. Why do we have to Change?
3. Questions & Answers
4. Navigating the Course
5. Next Steps

Come Grow with Us!

## **Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes**

Our Parish, Our Future – We're open for business

**Our Mission** - Jesus said, "Go make disciples ... I am with you always"

**Our Vision** - Strengthened by the Eucharist, we are moved to bring healing to a wounded world.

### **Receiving the call!**

- ❖ Being "disciplined" – the humility to learn – make mistakes – Grow – to be molded
- ❖ Sent in the power of the Holy Spirit – Apostles baptized in the Holy Spirit – Pentecost – for the mission
- ❖ Do what the Apostles did!
- ❖ We are to GO into the world and proclaim the Good News
- ❖ Social Justice – for the poor the oppressed
- ❖ The dignity of every human person – consistent life ethic – from conception to the grave
- ❖ Opportunities at work ... wherever we are!

### **Why the need to change?**

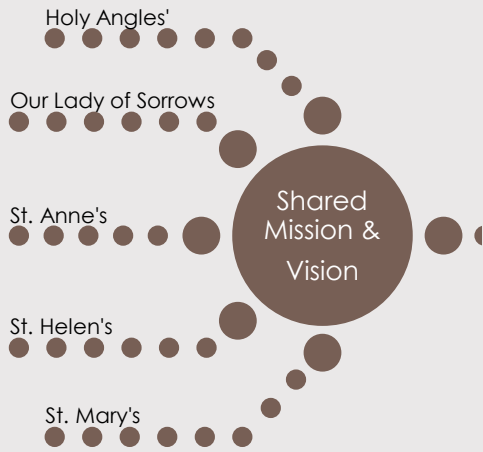
The ideal arrangement is one priest serving one parish. This however is no longer feasible with declining number of men choosing the priesthood along with declining number of parishioners. We are blessed to have three (3) priests and one deacon serving the families of Elgin County.

### **Why can't the priests attend all our meetings?**

There is a growing number of demands on our priests and we have to be aware of the fact they need to remain first and foremost our spiritual shepherd. Attending meetings is not always possible and we need for example, to free them to spend more time at schools, praying and caring for sick and dying.

### **Will there be a Family and Youth Ministry at our parish?**

Yes, we want to start Family and Youth Ministries at each of the parishes. We need your help; we need volunteers to step up into these roles.



**Will our mass times be changed?**

With three priests and 5 churches, scheduling of masses is always on top of everyone's mind. All churches will have Sunday masses and we are reviewing the timing to ensure your priests can travel safely to destinations. Saturday masses will need to be reviewed in the future.

**How will our Priests manage all five churches?**

It will be challenging. We are looking at some fundamental changes in how we manage administratively and why Mass times will need to change.

**What are the office hours?**

The office located at St. Anne's is staffed five (5) days a week Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You can reach them by phone 519 631 3640 for assistance.

**Wanted** – Parishioner Leaders for each group below – 5 hours per week.

Training and Leadership Development will be provided.

