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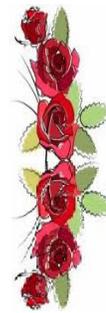
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Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 13, 2012



*To those who comfort with a mother's hand, we thank you.
To those who encourage with a mother's praise, we applaud you.
To those who love with a mother's heart, we honor you -
not just on Mother's Day... always!*



Happy Mother's Day

**St. John the Evangelist's
Report to the Archdiocese on the Pastoral Planning Commission's Proposal
is included in this issue of the bulletin**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

7:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday:

7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.;
5:00 p.m. (except June-August)

Weekday:

7:00 a.m. (Monday-Saturday)
Holy Day: (As announced)

CONFESSIONS

**Saturday: 3:30-4 p.m., Chapel
(or by appointment)**

The Mission Statement of St. John Parish

*Baptized into Christ,
we are a community of believers,
bonded by our desire to learn and to live
the Gospel message.*

*As a Eucharistic people,
we share a commitment to foster
our personal and communal growth in faith
and to witness to Christ's presence
by our service to those in need,
both within and beyond our parish community.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2011/2012

Registration

Religious Education registration packets for the 2012/2013 school year were mailed to all families. If you have not received a packet in the mail, it is available for download on the Parish website found at www.stjohnwellesley.org. The deadline for registering before the late fee is assessed is **MAY 31**. As a reminder, all 10th grade Catholic school students planning to be Confirmed in 2013 must fully participate in the second year of the Parish Religious Education Program.

We are always looking for teachers who are willing to teach any of the grades 1 – 10. If you are interested, please contact the religious education office at 781.235.5337 (grades 1–6) or 781.237.0141 (grades 7–10). **Any teacher or team teacher who volunteers by May 31st is eligible for a \$75 discount.**



St. John the Evangelist Parish is pleased to recognize the following students who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 1, 2012. Students prepared for Confirmation over a two-year period. Each performed many hours of service to their communities, attended classes and deepened their relationship with God through group and personal activities. With the reception of this sacrament, these seventy students completed their initiation into the Catholic Church. **We welcome them!**

*Dierdrah Bellevue
Daniel Biotti
Nicole Bramley
Evan Callaghan
William Carlin
Joseph Cataldo
Aidan Cort
Matthew Creonte
John Curtin
Alexandra DiBiase
Lauren Dillon
Cara Donovan
Caroline Dubuque
William DuFour
Luisa Escallon
John Fadule
Michael Feigenbaum
Cosimo Ferrante
John Michael Ferrera
John Fitzpatrick
Katharine Fortin
Nicholas Friscia
Gabriel Gager
Peter Garland*

*Cleo Greenwood
Jack Griffin
Emily Griffin
Thomas Harding
Phillip Heilbron
Laurel Hennessee
Kyle Jacobs
Catherine Joyce
Allison Kannam
Lucy Kapples
Caroline Kelliher
Allison Kelliher
Ian Kinney
Jamie Liu
Theodore Loughborough
Rose Maalouf
Abraham Maalouf
Joey Maalouf
Caitlin Mahoney
Patrick McNamara
Emma Megan
Caroline Melly*

*Payton Moran
John Morgan
Liam Muir
Megan Nilles
Justin O'Brien
Garrett O'Toole
Henry Palmier
Isabelle Paredes
Amanda Pasko
Nicholas Peretti
Madeleine Picher
William Richardson
Brian Rolincik
John Rourke
Emily Ryan
Shannon Seidl
Monica Skelly
Hailey Tortorella
Mary Katherine Tuomey
Christopher Ulian
Elizabeth Van Flandern
Bonaventure Wilde
Thomas Wynn
Elizabeth Young*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Calendar

May 23, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall – “Reflections on Vatican II: The Roles of Yves Congar and Marie-Dominique Chenu”, Father Maury Scheppers. Fr. Scheppers a Dominican priest from Kenya, is completing a year of study as a resident scholar at the Lonergan Institute of Boston College. As Father Hehir pointed out in his recent lectures on Vatican II, Pope John invited several distinguished but controversial scholars to participate in the planning of the Council. Father Congar was a driving force in the ecumenical movement of the mid-twentieth century. He died in 1995, after being honored by Pope John Paul who named him a cardinal. Father Chenu was a very progressive theologian who was influential in the drafting and ratification of the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.

June 5, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall – "John Henry Newman: Inspiration and Interpreter of Vatican II"; Lecture and discussion by Father Robert Imbelli, Associate Professor, Department of Theology, Boston College; Sponsored by the St. John's Book Discussion Group. Newman is considered one of the theological “giants” of the 19th century, an age when belief in God seemed in deep trouble in many countries. His extensive writings reflect his drive to make sense of the Christian vision, to appreciate in greater detail just how we arrive at faith. We too live in an age when many are struggling to understand the role that God plays in our lives. The thoughts and inspirations of Newman are as relevant today as they were when he died in 1890.

St. John's Faith Formation Commission

Linda Colozzi, Marcia Grondin, Pat Kelleher (chair), Sister Evelyn Ronan (advisor),
John Salvati, John Stewart and Anne Wachtmeister - (Email: AFFC@stjohnwellesley.org)

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ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Please help us achieve our budget for this fiscal year. We are at 94% of our Annual Appeal goal but need your support over the next few months to achieve our budget. The offertory continues to trail our budget by \$25,000. In the coming weeks, your support and generosity would be greatly appreciated. **Remember - ParishPay is available on-line!**

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	
April 8	2,886	8,326		
April 15	7,623	12,062		
April 22	8,185	875		
April 29	10,092	9,377		
May 6	8,024	10,690		
TOTAL	\$359,971	\$ 385,735	(\$25,764) or (6.7%)	
<u>Annual Appeal</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Last Year to Date</u>
July-May 6	\$409,897	\$ 433,850	94.5% of our Budget	\$418,747



GOLDEN AND SILVER ANNIVERSARY MASS Cathedral of the Holy Cross
 Sunday, June 3, 2012 Celebrated by His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley. O.F.M Cap

Mass will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. A formal invitation will be mailed to registered couples beginning in May. Register at the Parish Office or online at www.BostonCatholic.org/MarriageMinistries Please register by May 25, 2012 in order to have your names included in the printed list of Anniversary Couples. Late registration will be accepted, but names will not appear on the list. If you have any questions, please call (617) 746-5814.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO SUPPORT SEMINARIANS

The 20th Annual Blessed John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 21st at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu



Next week's second collection supports The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). CCC develops media programming, projects and resources that promote Gospel values. 50% of the collection supports local communications efforts, such as televised Masses and diocesan newspapers. The other fifty percent supports the development and production of a wide range of national media programming. Please visit www.USCCB.org/ccc for more information.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend will be our ***Special Monthly*** for St. John the Evangelist Parish. As always, your continued generous support is most appreciated.

ST. JOHN PARISH

Business Office HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deacon Scott Abercrombie and Grace D. Maloney-Shiel - mother of Marsha Welburn who have gone home to God. May the souls of all our faithful departed share in the fullness of life and peace with God.

SACRAMENTAL AND DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

Adoration: Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • ***Anointing of the Sick:*** First Saturday following 5 p.m. Mass

Baptism: Schedule with Priest • ***Funeral:*** Contact Parish • ***Marriage:*** Arrange six months prior

Penance: Saturday 3:30-4 p.m., Chapel (or by appointment)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Contact Parish

SERVICE COMMISSION

†***SAINT KATHARINE***

DREXEL FOOD PANTRY

Collection of non-perishable items to assist our sister parish in Roxbury will take place **this weekend** (and every second Sunday), **May 12 & 13**. Please bring your donations to our Glen Road entrance to benefit Saint Katharine Drexel Food Pantry. You may contact Angela Spinale at 781-431-0008

TWO IMPORTANT OUTREACH PROGRAMS COMING IN EARLY JUNE!



St. John's Parish Eighth Annual Baby Shower for Crisis Pregnancies June 2-3. Watch for a list of most needed items in the bulletin and on the parish website.

St. Francis House Annual Men's Clothing Drive, June 9-10.

St. Francis House is the largest day shelter in New England, serving over 800 men and women on a daily basis. Its services include meals, clothing, counseling and healthcare to the homeless. St. John's conducts an annual Men's Clothing Drive in June to collect everyday clothing needs such as jeans, socks and hats. If you have questions about this annual collection, please contact Shilan Yeung 508-801-7072.



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH (Wellesley)
May 2012

**Report to the Archdiocese on the
Pastoral Planning Commission's Proposal**

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Commission (the "Commission") has proposed a plan (the "Proposal") designed to both grow and strengthen our parishes. The Commission is seeking input from each parish regarding the Proposal. This is the initial report of the St. John the Evangelist (Wellesley) parish (the "Parish").

In response to the request for comment, the Parish solicited input from parishioners in a number of ways, including the following:

- The Parish website included links to the Proposal and to additional material regarding pastoral planning
- The Parish bulletin included numerous discussions of the Proposal and invitations to provide input on the proposal
- Parishioners were invited to complete an online survey on the Parish website
- Parishioners were encouraged to provide specific comments directly to the Parish's Pastoral Planning Group
- The Parish councils held a series of meetings at which parishioners could give feedback and discuss among themselves the implications of the Proposal
- A suggestion box was left in the church gathering space to enable parishioners to comment anonymously
- The feedback received at the parish meetings was summarized in a report and published in the Parish bulletin, so that parishioners could review the comments received and further comment if needed (these meeting reports are attached to this Report as an appendix)

A draft of this report was reviewed by the Parish's pastoral council, finance council, staff council and planning group at a meeting held for that purpose, and the report was modified based on feedback received at that meeting.

Much of the input reflected in this report was received at consultation meetings held following each of the liturgies on the weekend of March 24-25 (Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 7:30 a.m., 8:45 p.m., 11:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.) with an additional meeting held Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. to accommodate those who were unable to be present at one of the weekend sessions. Approximately 180-200 members of the parish community participated in the consultations (meetings and online responses), which were facilitated by members of the Pastoral Planning Group. The discussion was rich and lively with each session lasting approximately one hour. The meetings provided a much needed opportunity for parishioners to share their thoughts, concerns, and hopes and in some instances their frustrations. The following responses are based, in part, on comments made at those meetings.

1. Do you think the proposed Pastoral Collaborative (St. John the Evangelist - St. Paul) will meet the goal of enhancing and improving our parishes as vibrant, welcoming Eucharistic faith communities?

St. John the Evangelist prides itself on being a vibrant, welcoming faith community. For many, this is what sets St. John's apart from other parishes they have attended.

There is general acceptance of the proposed collaborative of St. John's and St. Paul's. Despite many similarities, the parishes have distinct cultures, which need to be fostered to maintain the unique vitality of each parish. Some concerns have been expressed that the proposed collaboration will weaken or dilute that sense of community which is integral to the rich sacramental and spiritual life of our parish.

Staffing will be particularly important given the richness of the programs at St. John the Evangelist and the current high level of services we enjoy. Maintaining the high quality of our parish experience will be a key factor in measuring the success of the collaboration.

There are still many questions regarding the specifics of the collaboration, which make it difficult to assess the likelihood of its success. Most of these have to do with the staffing of the Pastoral Service Team and financial and operational implications for the parish.

2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this combination, not only for our Parish (St. John the Evangelist) but for both Parishes included in the collaboration?

The obvious advantage is the close proximity of the 2 parishes and the relationships we share as the majority are members of the Wellesley community. These relationships may help to foster a sense of trust that will be essential in establishing a true collaboration. However, this connection to the broader community may also be a disadvantage. We will need to ensure that those members of our parish who are not residents of Wellesley, in particular the residents of Newton who are valued members of the St. John the Evangelist community, are not made to feel marginalized.

Both parishes appear to be financially sound and have engaged lay members capable of assuming leadership positions within the parish. It is acknowledged that the development of lay leadership and the resources for their training will become increasingly important as the number of priests and religious decline. Other benefits of the proposed collaboration include the centralization of management/administrative functions, the sharing of resources, and a trained staff that is fairly compensated.

The most frequently cited disadvantage is the potential weakening of our sense of community. Both parishes have a strong and well-established sense of identity and culture. This is a fundamental part of the faith experience for many, and the basis of their decision to affiliate with a particular parish community. We need to be sensitive to this as we begin the transition to a collaborative structure.

3. Do you know of any significant, real problems with the proposed collaborating/sharing of pastoral staffs? If yes, please explain.

The most difficult issue will be the naming of a pastor, having enjoyed several decades of strong, thoughtful pastoral leadership at St. John the Evangelist. It will be important to have a pastor who can continue to intellectually stimulate our parish and foster collaborative ministry with the laity. This is a key element in the vibrancy of our faith community.

Concerns have also been expressed regarding the demands to be placed on priests serving as pastors in the new model, and their ability to meet the many pastoral needs of the individual faith communities. Careful attention will need to be paid to the manner in which current staff are handled, as well as the process to be used to staff the Pastoral Service Team.

Since the proposed collaborative will have two elementary schools, many questions were raised. There were many questions regarding the impact of the collaboration on parish schools. What are the expectations of the Archdiocese with regard to schools as we go forward? Will the PST play a role in the administration of the school? Will this be left to individual parishes to sort through?

4. **The criteria for organizing parishes into proposed collaborative was guided by four general principles: Fairness, Partnership, Financial Viability, and Pastoral Effectiveness. Do you feel the proposed St. John the Evangelist – St. Paul Collaborative reflects these general principles? Please let us know any comments you might have on the criteria used, or on ways to improve them.**

There seemed to be a general consensus that our parishes meet the stated criteria. Given the differences in the culture our parishes, however, there may be differences in how we measure pastoral effectiveness and/or our understanding of what constitutes pastoral effectiveness.

5. **Are there other criteria that should be taken into account specific to our parish and geography? Do you have any other ideas about parish combinations that seem more workable to you, and why? Please provide any other general suggestions about multi-parish pastoring that you feel would help the APPC in making its ultimate recommendations to Cardinal Sean and the Diocese.**

St. Paul was generally seen as a logical partner going forward. As noted above, we will need to continue to be welcoming to members of our community who live outside of Wellesley, and to ensure an environment that welcomes diversity.

OBSERVATIONS

While there is a general understanding that a change in approach is inevitable, there are concerns with the proposed approach. A number of people asked whether this approach has been tried successfully elsewhere, and whether there were alternative approaches that might be considered. There were also questions as to whether longer-term planning is occurring at the Archdiocesan level. What will happen when the number of priests further declines? Interestingly, our discussion of the new model led some people to question whether parish closings should be off the table.

The critical issue we are facing is the precipitous decline in the number of priests. While lay people can be trained to participate more fully in parish ministry, consideration needs to be given to expanding the pool of priests. Suggestions of ways to increase the number of priests included the recruitment of priests from other continents, the use of former Anglican priests, the consideration of married priests and the ordination of women.

People were generally confused and or distracted by the inclusion of the term “evangelization” in the discussion of collaboration. For many the meaning was unclear, while for others it was associated with more negative connotations of the word. Evangelization is and must be an important part of the Church. It would be helpful if the use of the term was defined more carefully and its place in the proposed model emphasized with specifics.

Lay leadership will be important in ensuring a smooth transition to the Pastoral Service Team model. In addition, there will be new or increased opportunities for the laity to participate in the work of the parish and the Church. We need to prepare lay people for these new roles, as we begin to help other members of the community understand the appropriateness of this shift to greater lay participation.

There are many questions regarding the structure of the proposed collaboration. How will staff decisions for the Pastoral Service Team be handled? Will there be an opportunity to participate in the hiring of staff as well as in the selection of the pastor? How will the PST be funded, i.e. what are the financial implications for the collaborating parishes? What will be the governance structure for the PST and how will it relate to local governance at the parish level? Will the proposed organizational model be flexible enough to accommodate the distinct culture and values of the collaborating parishes?

People want to better understand what is being proposed, and this will be important in building trust that the proposal is viable.

People were generally protective of the priests selected to serve as pastors, wanting to ensure that demands of the new structure were reasonable. These will be among the most important decisions made as we go forward. There was general consensus that the pastor will need to serve both communities in an equitable way, and that the perception of favoritism should be avoided.

CONCLUSION

Collaboration will bring many opportunities to revitalize and strengthen the parishes of the Archdiocese. It will be important to continue to stress the positive aspects of the new model as parishes become bogged down in the difficult decisions that are inevitable. In some instances, the Archdiocese might consider providing professional facilitators to assist parishes in sorting through difficult issues.

Careful planning for the transition will be critical to the successful implementation of the new structure. At this point it is difficult to see how we will get from our current structure to the proposed collaborative model. Development of any plan needs to be done in stages, starting from the grass roots level in the parish. Parishioners see the need for, and want to be engaged in, strategic planning, particularly with regard to the Pastoral Service Team and mechanisms in place to ensure that parishes share equally in decision-making. This information will help people to understand and plan for the transition ahead.

Mutual respect and trust will be critical to the success of any collaboration. While these will develop organically, some recommendations might be offered on how to promote these qualities.

We will learn a great deal as we work through the process, and there are opportunities to learn from each other. Communication as we begin this transition will be important, as will documentation of the process at the Archdiocesan and local parish level.

The Parish reserves the right to supplement this Report from time to time as additional comments are received.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Summaries of the feedback from individual parish-wide meetings held at St. John the Evangelist between March 24th and 26th
- Attachment 2: Summary of responses from an e-mail survey sent to the St. John the Evangelist parishioners in March and April.
- Attachment 3: Summary of other feedback from the St. John the Evangelist parishioners (i.e. emails, suggestion box, etc.)

Attachment 1

St. John Parish Meetings on Archdiocesan Pastoral Proposal

Between March 24th and March 26th, the St. John Pastoral Planning Group held a series of parish wide meetings to gather feedback on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Commission proposal, which includes the formation of a pastoral collaborative consisting of St. John the Evangelist Parish and St. Paul Parish, and the implementation of a Pastoral Service Team (PST) to serve that collaborative. The below is a summary of the polling questions and answers as well as highlights of the discussions during these meetings. Total participation in the five meetings was 135 parishioners.

Polling Question	Answer	Sat 5:00	Sun 7:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00	Sun 5:00	Mon 7:30
What is your level of agreement with Cardinal Sean’s exhortation that evangelization be the present and long term task of the Archdiocese?	Agree	86%	82%	46%	9%	73%	80%
	Disagree	0%	0	15%	3%	0%	0%
	Neutral	14%	18%	38%	12%*	27%	20%
What is your level of agreement with the goal that we must grow the Church of Boston by bringing Catholics back to the practice of the faith?	Agree	92%	100%	94%	94%	87%	80%
	Disagree	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0
	Neutral	8%	0%	0%	6%	13%	20%
What is your level of agreement with: “The strengthening of parishes should NOT be achieved by another round of closing 100 or more parishes/churches.”	Agree	76%	45%	71%	60%	50%	87%
	Disagree	5%	9%	24%	9%	21%	0%
	Neutral	19%	45%	6%	31%	29%	13%
How open are you to having <u>a pastor from outside your proposed collaborative</u> become your pastor?	Open	57%	80%	41%	38%	29%	40%
	Not Open	16%	0%	41%	18%	43%	20%
	Not Sure	27%	20%	18%	44%	29%	40%
Does this proposal of a Pastoral Service Team model take us in the direction you believe we need for the Archdiocese?	Yes	46%	50%	29%	41%	36%	13%
	No	8%	0%	21%	52%	14%	13%
	Neutral	46%	50%	50%	7%	50%	73%
If the Cardinal were to implement the Pastoral Service Team model, how do you think the implementation should take place?	At Once	30%	0%	8%	0%	36%	0%
	In Phases	62%	82%	85%	21%	64%	93%
	Not Sure	8%	18%	8%	79%	0%	7%

* Many participants needed to understand what is meant by evangelization in the context of the PST to be able to answer.

Highlights of Comments/Questions during the Parish Wide Meetings

Evangelization. What is meant by it in terms of the proposed PST? How does this and “Bringing Catholics back to the Church” bridge the gap to a successful implementation of the proposed structural changes to our Parish?

Vocation. The declining number of priests is the real issue. The Church should be working towards a longer term solution to broaden the pool by including married priests and women.

Finances. Is the proposed PST truly less expensive to run? It is hard to determine the real impact without any detail. Where will the funding come, especially if highly trained lay people are assumed to take on roles in the PST?

Proposed PST. There are cultural differences between the two parishes that will present challenges. We need to somehow preserve the aspects of our parish which are currently working well. Should we begin a dialog with St. Paul’s now?

PST Pastor. What is the selection process and can we interview the new pastor? Is there a training effort underway and a support structure for the new Pastor of the PST?

Schools. What will happen given both parishes have a school?

Transparency. Communication and an open dialog during the process are key. People need to feel they have a real say and an influence in the process.

Attachment 2

St. John Parish E-Mail Survey on Archdiocesan Pastoral Proposal

During March and April, the St. John Pastoral Planning Group conducted an e-mail survey to gather feedback on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Commission proposal, which includes the formation of a pastoral collaborative consisting of St. John the Evangelist Parish and St. Paul Parish, and the implementation of a Pastoral Service Team (PST) to serve that collaborative. The below is a summary of the survey questions and answers as well as highlights of the associated comments offered along with the survey answers. A total of 35 parishioners responded to the survey.

1. Do you think the proposed Pastoral Collaborative (St. John the Evangelist - St. Paul) will meet the goal of enhancing and improving our parishes as vibrant, welcoming Eucharistic faith communities?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Will not improve	Unlikely to improve	May or may not improve	Likely to improve somewhat	Will definitely improve significantly
3	7	14	6	1	
10%	23%	45%	19%	3%	

Highlights of Comments Associated with Question 1:

- John's is a special faith community and a vibrant, welcoming Eucharistic faith community. The merger would detract from that. It all depends on having an excellent pastor to lead the teams. .
- This is a key opportunity for the parishes to envision a new beginning where everyone is truly welcome. The success of this will greatly depend on church leadership.
- This idea could strain resources and human capital to the point where both parishes are diminished. It will most likely encourage separate loyalty to the original parish.
- The parishes have very different cultures and I don't feel they are a good fit for collaborating.
- I understand the need to create these parish collaboratives - given financial concerns and the growing shortage of clergy. However, I don't necessarily see how these collaboratives will result in more vibrant and welcoming communities. How will having shared pastoral staff result in a more vibrant and welcoming community?
- In my opinion, the priests and staff are spread too thin as it is, and increasing their responsibilities only minimizes their responsibilities to the faithful community to which they currently minister. I highly suggest deacons could be increased if there are insufficient pastors and priests.

2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this combination, not only for our Parish but for both Parishes included in the collaborative?

Highlights of Comments Associated with Question 2:

- Advantages: revitalize the Church by getting more lay people involved; expand the community to two parishes sharing resources and staff/people. Disadvantages: lose our pastor/leader and Sr. Evelyn who are the heart and soul of St. John's, won't have the same intimacy and feeling of family, cultures of two parishes may clash.
- I feel that one of the biggest draw backs for our particular proposed parish collaborative is the fact that each parish has its own school. How will a shared pastoral staff will be able to run and oversee two (competing) schools?
- I completely understand the need to make these changes. But it is concerning that both parish priests will be replaced by a new priest. I think it is too much all at once.
- The advantage is strengthening the Wellesley Catholic community by a greater concentration of parishioners sharing the same goals. There will be a rich resource of talent to tap into, that will potentially create a great community. The challenge is keeping each parish's individual identity in tact; finding leadership that will see the two parishes as separate personalities and allow the differences to remain; and finally having enough staff at each parish to sustain the needs of each place. Many people that are located in one parish intentionally choose to leave and attend the other parish for many different reasons. I think it is important for the new leadership to recognize the differences.

Attachment 2

3. Do you know of any significant, real problems with the proposed collaborating/sharing of pastoral staffs? If Yes, please explain.

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	17	53.1%
No	13	40.6%
No Responses	2	6.2%
Total	32	100%

Highlights of Comments Associated with Question 3:

- As I said before, it has almost everything to do with the leadership.
- Most people from both parishes are in denial of the need for change.
- Most significant problem is getting the support of parishioners who are almost certain to resist change of any kind.
- The environment is very different between the parishes. People have chosen their parish because it is the right fit for them. Combining the two I believe will be difficult.

4. The criteria for organizing parishes into proposed collaboratives was guided by four general principles: Fairness, Partnership, Financial Viability, and Pastoral Effectiveness. Do you feel that the proposed St. John the Evangelist - St. Paul Collaborative reflects these general principles? Please let us know any comments you might have on the criteria used, or on ways to improve them.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Does not reflect any of these principles	Reflects only 1 principle	Reflects only 2 principles	Reflects only 3 principles	Reflects ALL of these principles
	4	5	2	2	13
	15%	19%	8%	8%	50%

Highlights of Comments Associated with Question 4:

- Wondering if these aren't two vibrant churches being paired together and maybe there is a smaller less vibrant church which could be paired with one of the more vibrant churches.
- Since I am unsure of what these principles mean, it seems as though the only consideration taken into account was geographic location and proximity.
- It is an ideal collaborative!
- These principles sound good, but the plan does not really reflect them. The atmosphere of each parish should be taken into consideration as they are very different.

5. Are there other criteria that should be taken into account specific to our parish and geography? Do you have any other ideas about parish combinations that seem more workable to you, and why? Please provide any other general suggestions about multi-parish pastoring that you feel would help the APPC in making its ultimate recommendation to Cardinal Sean and the Diocese.

Highlights of Comments Associated with Question 5:

- It seems to me that the primary reason for this change is the lack of priests. Cardinal O'Malley stated that his ultimate goal is to have one priest per parish. The solution is getting more priests: expanding the pool to married priests, former Anglican priests, etc., and yes, even considering women priests.
- I would like a melding of the staff and not have a new priest as pastor.
- I feel that perhaps St. Julia in Weston might be a better fit for us. I believe that these two parishes have already spent some time in dialogue and there are a number of families that attend at St. John School already since St. Julia does not have its own parish school.
- Provide a way for the priests you have to minister to the people. Don't get all hierarchical about running the parishes -- priests and bishops don't have to do that. The lay community can run the parish, let the priest connect them to God.

Attachment 3

St. John Parish Additional Feedback on Archdiocesan Pastoral Proposal

During March and April, additional feedback was received via e-mails and written comments on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Commission, which includes the formation of a pastoral collaborative consisting of St. John the Evangelist Parish and St. Paul Parish, and the implementation of a Pastoral Service Team (PST) to serve that collaborative. The below is a summary of this additional feedback.

Highlights of Comments Associated with Additional Feedback:

- We need to articulate what evangelization means on many different levels.
- Are priest being sustained and assisted for this upcoming change?
- Clusters in Philadelphia, models in Rochester and Maine are working and being fine-tuned to meet changes.
- Some parishes are more ready to implement than others – begin regionally.
- One of the big challenges faced by the collaborative will be financial: that the pooled collection revenues will amount to less than the present-day sum of the parts...every major Christian denomination has seen a fall-off in contributions as the purpose of the collection has moved further away from the pews themselves....need a great deal of planning and executing a lengthy transition.
- While Evangelization is proposed as the purpose and theme, it is not defined. What is it? Who is to be evangelized? Who will do the evangelizing and how will it be different from what is being done today as separate parishes?
- We hope the proposed plan for combination is only the first step in developing a process to a certain vision for an ideal parish based on best practices.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

May 15	Tuesday	Marian Movement	7:00 p.m., Chapel
May 17	Thursday	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	2:00 p.m., Chapel

BANNS OF MARRIAGE - Elizabeth Bernardo and Paul Szklennik II



MARIAN MOVEMENT: Tuesdays, for those with special devotion to the Blessed Mother: all are invited to pray the Rosary, 7 p.m. located in the Chapel.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS for members of our Parish who are ill, remembering especially *Ann, Brian, George, Jim, Kay, Mary and Moira.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, May 12	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	William H. Furdon Jr. & Margaret Frazer and William & Myra Haraghey
Sunday, May 13	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	†	Michael Peretti
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Mary T. Murphy
Monday, May 14		Anniv.	†	Margaret Dada
	5:00 p.m.	41st Anniv	†	John Davis
Tuesday, May 15	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Raymond Ceriani
Wednesday, May 16	7:00 a.m.	Anniv.	†	Julie V. Driscoll
Friday, May 18	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Margaret Hostage
Saturday, May 19	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Mary MacDonald
Sunday, May 20	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Marion Doherty
	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	†	D. Delvena Kloss & Mary Ellen Smith
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	For the Parish
		Memorial	†	Joan Brady Garrity
		Memorial	†	Sheila N. Young
		Memorial	†	Adeline & Elmer Swanson
		Memorial	†	Sam S. Mullin
		Memorial	†	Agnes Marx
		Memorial	†	Alice and Irwin Bofferding

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A Parish-Wide Celebration



Appreciation Weekend *May 19-20*

*All Masses will be in Thanksgiving for you
who make our parish all that it is
and continues to become!*

Thank you all!

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