

September 15, 2023

**Fr. Crispin will Announce Our Preliminary Parish Family Assignment
on September 23 and 24!**

Please Participate in the Feedback Process

Last July, Fr. Crispin wrote to us to ask for our support, participation, and prayers for the Archdiocese of Seattle's [Partners in the Gospel](#) Strategic Planning process. On the weekend of September 23 and 24, the Archdiocese will publish the list of Preliminary Parish Families. Fr. Crispin will announce our Draft Family assignment at all Masses that weekend.

- Following the announcement, we will have the opportunity to provide input and feedback on our Draft Parish Family.
 - There will be two in-person listening sessions scheduled in early October. Please join one of the sessions.
 - If you are unable to attend one of the sessions, you will be able to provide feedback online through the Archdiocesan web site.
- In preparation for the listening sessions please:
 - Review these materials at the Partners Landing page (<https://archseattle.org/partners/>):
 - [Current Reality Video](#)
 - [Archbishop Etienne's recent pastoral letter](#)
 - [Updated Q&A](#)
 - Please continue to pray for our Parish and the Partners Program.
- Here is the process that will follow our input sessions:
 - Preliminary Parish Family arrangements may be modified based on the feedback received.
 - In early 2024 Parish Families will be announced.
 - In the spring of 2024 new Pastors of the Parish Families will be appointed and announced.
 - In July of 2024, St. John will join one or more of our neighboring Churches and Schools in a new Parish Family.
 - From July 2024 through June 2027 the new Parish families will work together to plan how they will operate.
- Finally, It is important to remember that the DRAFT family being shared next week is just that— A DRAFT.
- It is also important for all of us to remember that while schools are part of this process, as a ministry of the local church and a primary ministry of many of our parishes, they are not the focus. No schools are predestined to close or be combined. In those parish families with more than one school, there will be time over the course of the next three years to determine the best path forward for each school. What that looks like may be different for each family, but again, it is important to remember that there is not an assumption that a parish family cannot exist with more than one school.
- Similarly, a Parish family can have more than one Church.

Please take the opportunity to participate in this important process.