



BECOMING DIVINE MERCY PARISH
One Parish | Three Churches | Two Schools

Dear Divine Mercy Family,

Over the past several years, the Archdiocese has been engaged in a planning initiative known as Beacons of Light. Through prayer, study, and consultation with parishioners and clergy, this effort led to the creation of Families of Parishes. On July 1, 2022, our three parishes came together as the Divine Mercy Family of Parishes and began a five-year process of discerning how we can best move forward together in mission.

This five-year period is intended to allow each family of parishes to adjust to a new reality while identifying the gifts and strengths present in each community. It is calling us toward a renewed focus on missionary discipleship, using those gifts for the strengthening of our parishes and the mission of the Archdiocese. Rather than remaining focused on the challenges of limited resources, deferred maintenance, and fewer priests, the Church is asking us to become effective evangelizers in what Archbishop Casey often calls the “New Apostolic Age.”

Certainly, this transition has brought both challenges and opportunities, moments of uncertainty as well as hope for the future. As your pastor, I want you to know how grateful Fr. Jergens and I are for the growth we have experienced together over these past three and a half years.

Now, as we enter the final year and a half of this process, we will begin preparing for the next step. By July 1, 2027, our three parish communities will come together as one canonical parish, while continuing to worship in our three churches and supporting our two schools.

Because it is important that everyone understands what this means and how the process will unfold, we want to share information openly and hear your questions, concerns, and suggestions.

Our first step will be a parish survey, giving parishioners the opportunity to share feedback and raise questions. This will help us better understand the concerns people may have and will assist us in preparing a detailed FAQ and providing further information as the process moves forward. We will also share this feedback with the Archdiocese.

Information will continue to be shared through multiple channels, including bulletin articles, email communications, social media, and school newsletters. In the weeks and months ahead, we will continue walking through this process together and communicating each step along the way so that you remain informed.

May God bless our endeavors.

In Christ,

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