

Center City East Scenarios  
Possible Snapshots 10 Years From Now – Discussion Starters  
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Scenario One

Corpus Christi, Mt. Carmel and Holy Redeemer/St. Francis have merged into a single parish with a single pastoral leader and two Sunday worship sites offering four Masses, two in English and two in Spanish. The priest serving this parish is bilingual on English and Spanish. This parish offers Spanish Masses and is the center for Hispanic ministry for the Rochester eastside. Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Michael have merged into a single parish with a single pastoral leader and two Sunday worship sites offering three English Masses. Immaculate Conception and St. Bridget have merged into a single parish with a single pastoral leader and two Sunday worship sites, offering two Masses. This parish is the focal point for Black Catholic ministry in the Rochester area. The priest supporting this parish celebrates one Sunday Mass at the Corpus Christi/Mt. Carmel/Holy Redeemer/St. Francis parish. All three parishes are collaboratively active participants in Interfaith Action and engaged in bringing the Good News to all those living within the boundaries of the new parish, Catholic or not. Properties and buildings have been pared to those essential for ministry in line with the missions of these parishes and that are financially viable.

Scenario Two

Corpus Christi/St. Bridget/Our Lady of Perpetual Help/St. Michael/Holy Redeemer/St. Francis/Mt. Carmel have merged into a single Rochester eastside parish with one pastoral leader and a parochial vicar. Three Sunday worship sites offer a total of six Masses. At least one of the two priests is bilingual in English and Spanish. Former members of Immaculate Conception (now part of a large Rochester Westside parish) and St. Bridget partner to sponsor programs and activities to nurture Black Catholics in the City of Rochester. The parish provides leadership for Hispanic ministry throughout the City and with the Westside parish in this ministry. Properties and buildings have been pared to those essential to support the ministries of the parish and that are financially viable. A single pastoral staff leads an energetic group of lay volunteers in a variety of ministries focused on the needs of those within the parish boundaries. The combined parish has moved many of its operations and ministries into neighborhood locations.

Note

Creative possibilities to stimulate thought and provoke discussion – that's the purpose of these scenarios. They try to raise issues and questions that should be addressed during the planning process, especially some that planning group members may be reluctant to put on table. You are free to select one as your plan (this rarely happens), develop a plan that selects the best features of each (occasionally this happens), or develop your own unique plan from whatever flows from the discussions about these scenarios (what usually happens).