

SW Monroe/NW Livingston (5 Saints West) Planning Group
Year pastoral planning started: 1998

St. Christopher, N. Chili; St. Columba/St. Patrick, Caledonia; St. Mary of the Assumption, Scottsville; St. Vincent dePaul, Churchville

Major Initiatives in Approved Pastoral Plan	Major Accomplishments/Plans
Create an Adult Education Committee.	Done. There have been several joint adult education programs thus far. There are plans for a bi-monthly flier advertising all adult education offerings in all 4 parishes.
Collaborate on increasing the level of volunteerism in each parish.	A workshop on volunteerism was developed & held with the leadership of each parish. A facilitator's guide for this workshop was also created. Parishes have followed up on strategies they identified in this workshop & have met with increased success in attracting volunteers.
Explore Deferred Giving programs.	A workshop on Planned Giving, led by Richard Rosati, was held in January 2001. Parishes are now deciding how they will follow up on what they learned.
Share bulletin information regarding events that would be open to parishioners from other parishes. Send copy of bulletin to all other parishes in group.	Done. There was also a series of <i>Getting to Know Our Neighbors</i> articles about each parish in all bulletins (parish histories, general info).
Explore potential for coordination of "special" liturgical schedules: e.g. Masses for Holy Days, seasonal reconciliation services, Stations of the Cross.	Parishes share information about Holy Days and seasonal reconciliation services. Details are communicated to parishioners so they may attend Masses and services in any of the four parishes.
Future possible areas for collaboration: hospital visits, youth ministry, marriage preparation, RCIA/RCIC, counseling (drug, alcohol, unemployment), Stephen ministry, social ministry, Knights of Columbus, young adult ministry, bereavement and separated/divorced support groups.	
Explore combining purchasing power and shared staffing.	Staffs from all parishes met several times to look for opportunities for joint purchasing and sharing resources. No opportunities have been found to date.

Configuration Status	
# of priests "expected" per plan & Bishop's response: 2.8	Current # of scheduled weekend masses: 13
Configuration plans (actual and/or contingency to meet 3 mass/active priest/weekend canonical limit): In the 2 years prior to pastoral planning, the group lost half of its full-time pastors. The 4 parishes now have 2 pastors, two pastoral administrators with sacramental ministers, and extra weekend help at St. Christopher's.	

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