

Update on our Family of Parishes:

Following the spirit of the Road to Renewal and our new functioning as the Niagara Frontier Catholic Community, we have reorganized our respective leadership teams and committees and have filled their rosters, in brief:

- **Family Leadership Team:** *comprised of Clergy and Trustees;* is responsible for overseeing all the operations of the Family of Parishes
- **Family Pastoral Council:** *comprised of Family Leadership Team, Staff, Appointed Members, and Elected Members from standing committees;* is responsible for fostering the mission and collective vision of our Family of Parishes ensuring appropriate representation and ownership across our respective parishes
  - o **Worship Standing Committee:** *membership through discernment;* together with staff and volunteers is responsible for coordinating sacramental and spiritual programming across our Family of Parishes
  - o **Faith Formation Standing Committee:** *membership through discernment;* together with staff and volunteers is responsible for coordinating the implementation of a comprehensive and lifelong faith formation program across our Family of Parishes
  - o **Mission and Ministry Standing Committee:** *membership through discernment;* together with staff and volunteers is responsible for coordinating missionary support between all the ministries and organizations of our respective parishes and within our communities, ensuring adequate inreach and outreach across our Family of Parishes
- **Parish Finance Committees:** *comprised of various parish professionals by appointment;* parish committees meet jointly to oversee stewardship and administration of each respective parish and across our Family of Parishes.
- **Parish Building and Grounds Committees:** *comprised of various parish professionals;* is responsible for overseeing upkeep of our respective campuses

If you haven't made your annual contribution as of yet, please consider supporting the work of Catholic Charities here in Western New York. This is our official outreach as a Church – the needs continue to be many and the service they provide is great. What's most important to me is our collective participation, all of us together, in this work of Christian service. It is incumbent upon each of us to respond by virtue of our discipleship for "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me (Matthew 25)."

Next weekend is Memorial Day. We will have an outdoor Memorial Day Mass for our family of parishes at St. Bernard Cemetery in Youngstown at 9am on Monday morning (the daily Masses of that day are cancelled in favor of this Mass). Come and give honor with us to those who gave of their lives in service. Bring a chair – see you there.

Peace

~Fr. Luke