



On July 1, 2024, the 136 parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle became 60 parish families, with eight stand-alone parishes. Led by a pastor or pastoral coordinator, along with a parochial vicar, parish families just completed the first year of the three-year process of creatively re-envisioning parish life to bring the love of Jesus Christ to others in Western Washington.

Focused on welcoming and getting to know each other, this first year was full of community events, pastor meet and greets and getting to know the gifts of each parish in a parish family.

Pastors met their assigned parish liaisons who will support the parish family through the process. First steps for staff included getting to know each other and for some parishes, joint staff retreats were held.

Later in the year, each parish family formed new groups including the Parish Family Leadership Team comprised of parish staff and the Parish Family Advisory Council comprised of parishioners representing the rich diversity of the parishes in the parish family.

Now that these groups are in place, the parish family will dive into the planning work outlined in the One Parish Planning process. This process is designed to help parish families develop a vision for the future and the plan to execute it – ensuring these are grounded in listening and community discernment to foster local decision-making.



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