

# Joliet Deanery Targeted Restructuring Process

Parish Session 2 Participant Handout

## **JOLIET DEANERY TARGETED RESTRUCTURING PROCESS PARISH SESSION #2**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where [I] am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:1-7

Father, we praise you and thank you for your blessing upon the Church of Joliet for these many years. With your grace, the Church has faithfully passed on the Catholic faith for several generations. We are at a time of transition in our culture and in our Church and we need your guidance. Send your Holy Spirit to lead the Restructuring Process and to enlighten, guide, and strengthen us and also the leaders in this process, especially Bishop Ronald Hicks. We promise to submit ourselves to all that you desire of us and accept your will for us.

O God, renew your Church “as by a New Pentecost” through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

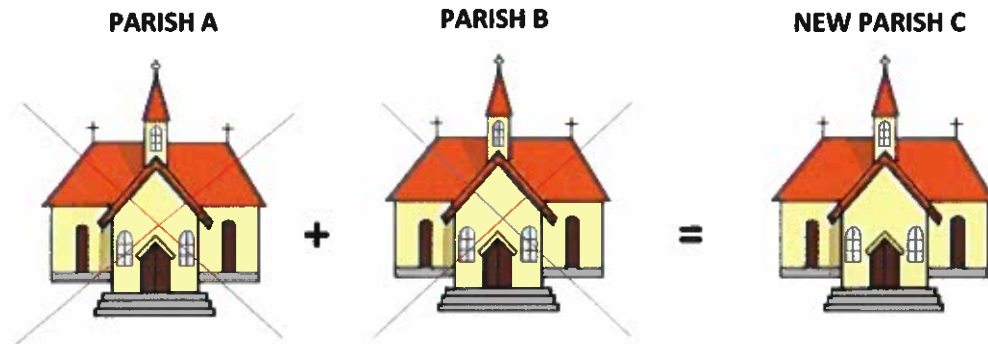
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

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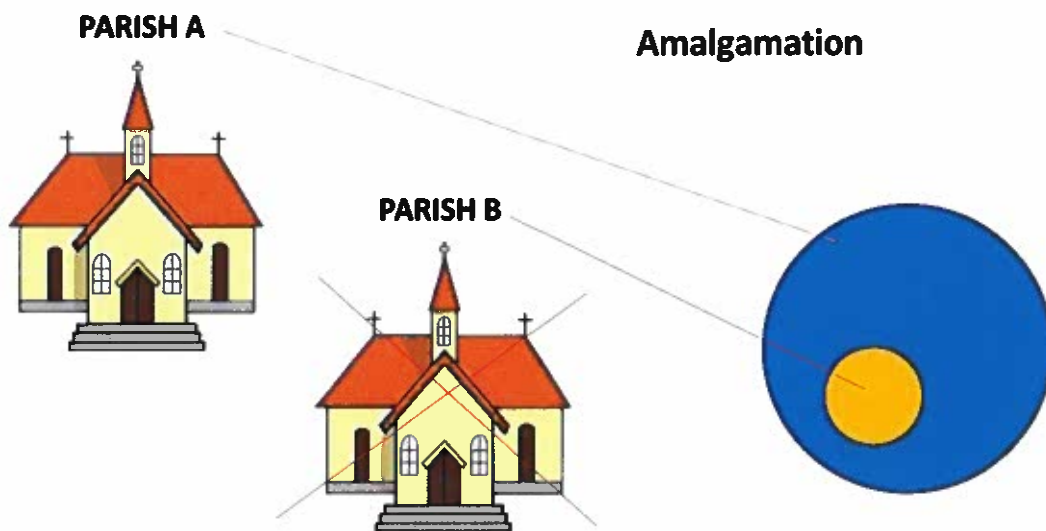
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## TERMINOLOGY OF RESTRUCTURING

### MERGER



- A new parish with a new name is created; Parish A and Parish B are suppressed.
  - All territory and assets and sacramental records go to the new parish.
    - Diocesan liabilities are negotiated with the Diocese.
  - The assets of Parish A and Parish B go to the new Parish C



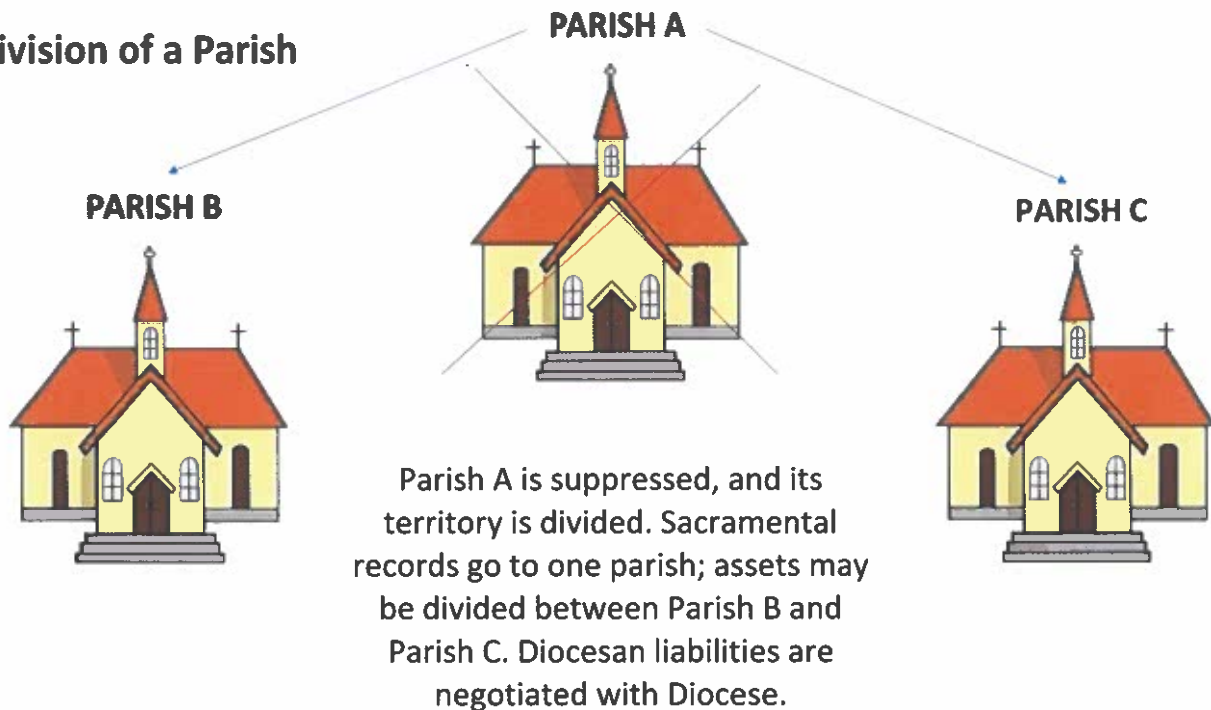
Amalgamation – B is amalgamated (subsumed) into A, only A remains; Parish B is suppressed.

The assets, territory and sacramental records of Parish B go to Parish A. The diocesan liabilities of Parish B are negotiated with the Diocese.

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## Division of a Parish



## Closure of a Parish (Suppression)



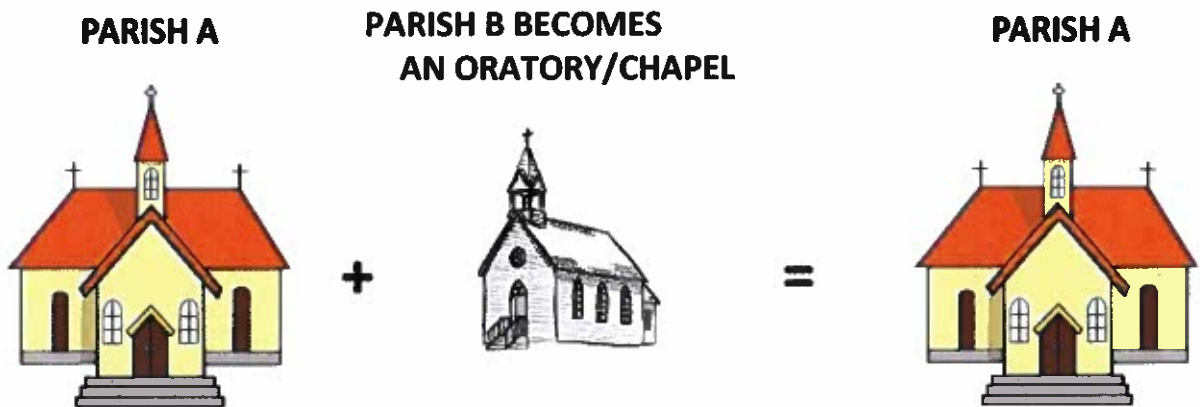
Parish A is extinguished. Its territory is assigned to another parish.  
Its assets and sacramental records go to the Diocese.\*

Diocesan debts are forgiven.

\* In the case of a personal parish.

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Parish B becomes an oratory/chapel of Parish A. Parish B's church remains open. Masses and other sacred rites may take place in the oratory/chapel.