



Dear Joliet Catholic Community,

July 8, 2023

As reported in the June 17, 2023 parish bulletin, the second phase of targeted restructuring in the Diocese of Joliet began July 1, 2023 and includes all sixteen parishes in the Joliet Deanery. The sixteen parishes have been grouped into smaller clusters to facilitate the restructuring process. The targeted restructuring committee met on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and identified the following groupings/clusters:

**GROUP 1**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
St. Anthony  
St. Bernard  
St. Joseph (Joliet)  
St. Mary Magdalene

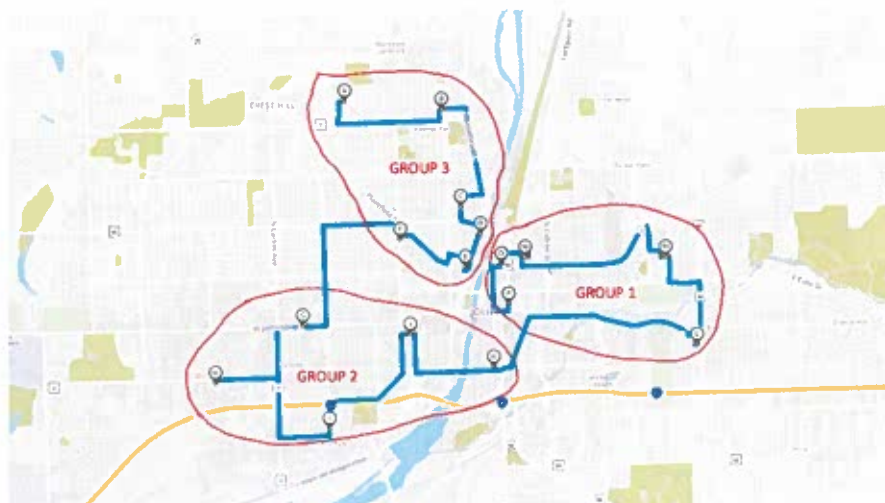
**GROUP 2**

Sacred Heart  
St. Joseph (Rockdale)  
St. Jude  
St. Patrick  
St. Paul the Apostle

**GROUP 3**

Cathedral of St. Raymond  
St. John the Baptist  
Holy Cross  
St. Mary Nativity  
St. Ambrose (Crest Hill)  
St. Anne (Crest Hill)

A visual depiction of the groupings is as follows:



For the most part, these groupings are based on geography.

The diocese has engaged Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), a third-party consultant, to assist parishes throughout the restructuring process. CLI has worked with many dioceses across the country in similar endeavors. CLI will work directly with pastors and parish leadership teams to create timelines for the process, facilitate parish listening sessions, create possible scenarios for parishioner feedback, and other related tasks.

All pastors have identified the persons who will serve on their parish leadership teams. These teams will receive training in Pastoral Accompaniment Skills in July and August, so they are equipped with the tools needed to assist their pastors in accompanying parishioners through the changes that will be taking place over the course of the next several months.

Once again, we know you are very connected to your parish spiritually and emotionally, and the Diocese is committed to working with all parishes and parishioners throughout this necessary but challenging process. We are committed to transparency. Please direct all email inquiries to [targetedrestructure@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:targetedrestructure@dioceseofjoliet.org).

Let us continue to pray for and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we accompany one another on this journey of discernment to a new Catholic community in the Joliet Deanery.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
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