

St. Alphonsus
Bridgetown
March 26, 2018

Opportunities

- Shared resources (x2)
- Sharing intellectual ideas, knowledge
- Reduced cost
- Liturgy of the Word by lay ministers,
- Deacons
- Numbers – larger faith community
- Financial capabilities (x2)
- Car pool -> build relations
- Merging communication more effectively
- Regional staffing
- Faith Formation (combined)
- More frequent Mass – daily
- Greater financial resources
- More learning & socialization
- More active congregation
- More structured Rel. Education classes
- More Masses with Priest
- More music
- Big celebrations, e.g. Anniversaries, Mass of
- Oil (sic), Catechetics, Healing Masses
- More welcome at other churches large or
- small
- Collaboration with other churches
- Video conference services
- Video link church services, so can go to own
- home church for Mass with auxiliary
- ministers giving communion
- Outreach to bring people back to Church

Constraints

- Regular Sunday Mass will not be possible
- in individual Churches
- Travelling (5)
- Winter conditions (x2)
- Difficulty for seniors
- Break down families/church
- Loss of individual community, spirit,
- Identity
- Personalize communication
- Integration is difficult to do
- Priest vs Deacon-Led services
- Times of Mass/Service (if priest available)
- Lose history of individual church
- Loss of autonomy
- Rural community
- Need more trained lay persons
- Lack of youth
- All functions and services not in our church