

**St. Francis of Assisi & St. Lawrence  
Wolfville and Canning  
March 19, 2018**

Opportunities

- Pastor more present
- Same priest available every week
- Bigger numbers for teens in particular
- Combining resources
- More unity
- Build community
- More deacons (women)
- More lay ministry (incl. more women)
- More leaders
- Travel ministry
- Participate in affairs of Church in a meaningful way
- Combining Ministries gives better skill opportunities
- Sharing human resource (x2)
- Sharing financial resources (x2)
- New people to cover lay position
- More worker bees!
- Opportunity to meet between parish churches
- Larger more vibrant community/family
- Greater wealth of a talent pool
- Will create numbers for specific age groups (children/youth)
- To let go of what is holding us back (less time spent on maintenance, more on mission)

Constraints

- More traveling – older people may not want to travel
- Possibly more isolated
- Loss of tradition
- Loss of parishioners
- Loss of churches
- Loss of communities (x2)
- Not enough leaders to step up
- Loss of ministries
- If too big, leaders many feel overwhelmed
- Aging population of church goers
- Equal representation concerns
- Better for one priest to travel than masses (eco foot print) (x2)
- Distance to travel in winter and time/cost of travel
- Lose sense of community
- Lose personal intimacy if too large a group (x2)
- Losing role formerly held by sub-groups (larger groups are more challenging to operationalize)