

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

Communications

One Call Now working. (x3)
One bulletin is good but can be perfected.
Valley Catholic Website/Calendar works well.
Everything works well currently, e.g. Priests, choice of churches, email announcements, variety of Masses, familiar congregation
Instagram, etc., online presence.
One Ministry co-ordinator for all churches .
Openness needed, constructive exchange of ideas.
We need to know what other parishes do re RCIA, St. V de P., marriage prep., nursing home visitation, school breakfast

Faith Formation

Weekend retreats.
CCO faith studies, faith sharing.
Morning prayer groups.
Evening prayer groups.
Bible studies.
More baptismal prep "After the Plunge".
Parenting workshops.
Natural family planning for new couples.
Catholic Acadia studies need to grow.
Catholic Acadia Theology on tap monthly.
Greater variety of FF opportunities... some shorter.
Over centralization shown to drive people away, esp. children in High School
One large church risks making children feel alienated.
Steubenville
Youth Summit
Alpha (x2)
Cursillo (x2)
Sacramental preparations: confirmations - improve communications; children demand being with familiar peer groups

Finances

Keep each location's funds separate then come together to discuss.

Funds raised with asset sales remains in the Parish.

Combined financial resources should be better.

Catholic Acadia-St. Francis/Fr. Craig (sic) pays for activities

Reduce redundancy.

Increase efficiency.

Streamline.

Paid ministries.

Masses

Variety of locations & times of Mass.

Small Mass groups work very well.

Lay-lead services are not working.

Every parishioner should have access to Sunday Mass with different times availability. (x2)

Centralized Mass will be hard for some to get to.

Masses working well with present personnel.

Currently spiritually led thru Mass homilies.

Master Mass schedule works well (of Mass/Deacon-led services) (sic)

Catholic Acadia Mass 6:00 PM works well some years.

Physical Structures

Sharing churches, sharing of halls, volunteers.

St. Francis is a fire trap.

Unless some buildings close, won't solve biggest problems.

Closing churches can be freeing.

Saving money if using fewer buildings, properties.

Need access to some structures in Faith Communities.

Some church becomes votive churches.

Fewer physical structures - hope we don't lose people.

Amalgamation.

Sacraments

Some parishes need help & numbers for sacrament prep.

Centralization can be a problem.

Preparation is better in one parish (talent pool).

Not all people know how sacraments are prepared.

Team-up leaders for sacramental prep.

Prep. working well collaboratively.

Staffing and Volunteers

Minimize duplication of services.

Staffing reduces over-costs.

Communication key for engaging volunteers.

Working well collaboratively.

St. V. de P. could grow with satellite groups.

One Volunteer Co-ordinator (for big picture).

Strength finders.

Sharing staffing & volunteers should be a benefit.