



290 Corridor Grouping Update January 17, 2018

The 290 Corridor grouping includes Sacred Heart Parish and School, St. Domitilla Parish, St. Eulalia Parish, and St. Simeon Parish.

Discernment Process

The 290 Corridor grouping began the review and discernment process last summer. The Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team, which was made up of representatives from each of the parishes, met to review and discern the future church, parish and school structures for the area. Based on their meetings and discussions with the larger parish community, they submitted a report for the Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, which included representatives from across the archdiocese.

The commission met to review the feedback report and other materials and information, including demographic data, financial summaries, and parish and grouping trends.

Decision

Over the course of the past several weeks, Cardinal Cupich, our auxiliary bishops, and the Archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met to discuss the commission's recommendation. Based upon those discussions and prayerful consideration, a final decision was made regarding the grouping's structure.

Sacred Heart Parish and St. Eulalia Parish will unite to form one new parish with both churches remaining churches as active worship sites. Sacred Heart School continues in its current structure as a ministry of the new parish.

St. Domitilla Parish and St. Simeon Parish will unite to form one new parish. St. Domitilla will serve as the church for the newly formed parish. St. Simeon Church will close no later than June 30, 2020.

Next Steps

Over the next few months, the archdiocese will work with the faith communities of each parish to ensure an orderly and smooth transition to the new structures. The Archdiocese's Priest Placement Board will work with the communities to identify pastors to lead the new parishes. On February 13, there will be a joint consultation involving the parishioners of St. Domitilla Parish and St. Simeon Parish to identify the gifts and characteristics needed for the pastor of the new, united parish. And on February 14, there will be a joint consultation involving the parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish and St. Eulalia Parish to identify the gifts and characteristics needed for the pastor of their new, united parish. More details about the consultation meetings will be shared soon.

All parishes of the grouping will embark upon the next phase of the renewal process to become a stronger, more sustainable presence for the future capable of reaching more people in their work of making disciples of Jesus Christ.