

Collaboration History Summary

St. Therese Parish & St. Vincent Pallotti Parish

- Initial Discussions** ● Initial collaboration discussions began before COVID, but were then discontinued.
- August 2022** ● Michael Laird, Director of Missionary Planning and Leadership for the Archdiocese presented the collaboration to the St. Therese Parish Pastoral Council. He also met with the St. Vincent Pallotti Pastoral Council.
- September 2022** ● Committee of nine parish representatives from St. Therese (STP) was created to start the process of collaborating with St. Vincent Pallotti Parish. This process was also started at St. Vincent Pallotti.
- October 11, 2022** ● Committee of nine from STP met with Michael Laird again and got the full picture of what collaboration meant and the expectations were beyond what the group was expecting.
- October 26, 2022** ● This was the first combined meeting with the representatives from both parishes and Michael Laird. It laid out why the collaboration was initiated by the Archdiocese, defined the process we would go through, and provided suggested timelines. A steering committee was established to over see the process. and was made up of two co-chairs (one from each parish), the four trustees, and the Pastors.
- 2023** ● Collaboration efforts progressed into spring of 2023 when Father Tom PC was installed as Pastor for both parishes. The parishes decided to do the remaining collaboration work on their own. Fr. PC set a target of combining the standing committees by September of 2023 and that goal was met.
- 2024** ● Work continues on collaboration. Fr. PC sets a target to combined the Parish Pastoral Councils by the start of the new fiscal year - FY24/25. This was completed by August of 2024.
- In the fall of 2024, the newly combined Parish Pastoral Council developed priorities for the upcoming fiscal year (FY25/26) and the standing committees were asked to develop an annual plan for the same timeframe. The annual plans were asked to highlight how the committee's activities would achieve the Parish Pastoral Council's priorities and provide estimated costs for budgeting purposes.
- 2025** ● In March of 2025, Fr. PC started the discussion of combining the St. Therese and St. Vincent Pallotti staffs. This effort is still in progress.
- Work continues on bringing both parishes together as one family.
- In August 2025, an ad hoc Communication Committee was put in place to gather input from parishioners as to what they feel the next steps for our parishes should be.
- Discussions with Archdiocesan staff continue as we solicit their input.