

Joliet Diocese Targeted Restructuring Process Phase 3

PARISH SESSION #2

OPENING PRAYER

Father, we praise you and thank you for your blessing upon the Church of Joliet for these many years. With your grace the Church has faithfully passed on the Catholic faith for several generations. We are at a time of transition in our culture and in our Church and we need your guidance. Send your Holy Spirit to lead the Restructuring Process and to enlighten, guide, and strengthen us and also the leaders in this process, especially Bishop Ronald Hicks. We promise to submit ourselves to all that you desire of us and accept your will for us.

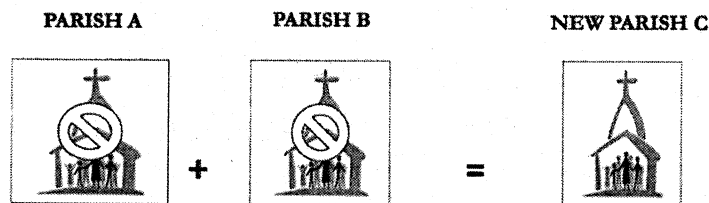
O God, renew your Church “as by a New Pentecost” through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Prayer composed by Fr. Jose Kadukunnel, Pastor of Ascension of our Lord

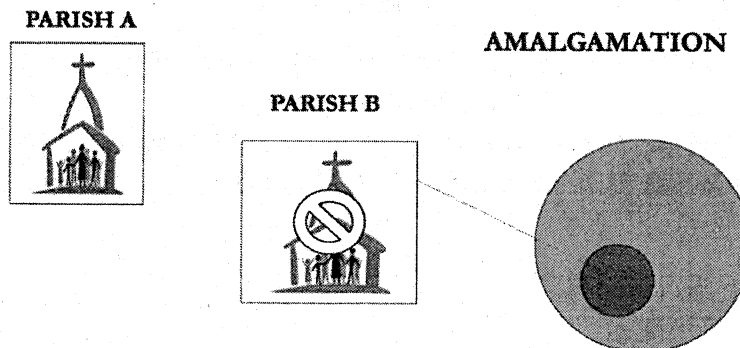
TERMINOLOGY OF RESTRUCTURING

MERGER



- A new parish with a new name is created; Parish A and Parish B are extinguished.
- All territory and assets and sacramental records go to the new parish C.
 - Diocesan liabilities are negotiated with the Diocese.
- All of the churches in the new parish may remain open as worship sites, or some may remain open and others close.

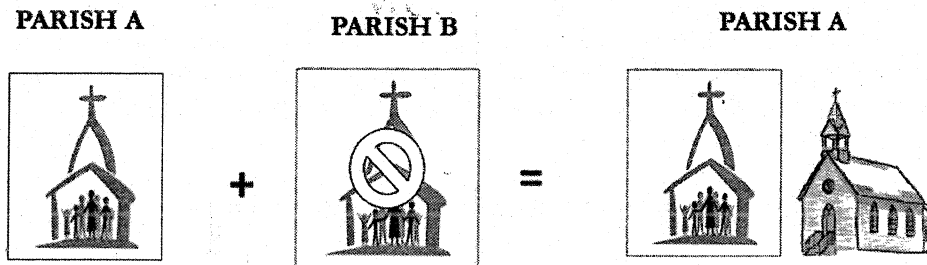
AMALGAMATION



- Amalgamation – B is amalgamated (subsumed) into A, only A remains; Parish B is extinguished. The assets, territory and sacramental records of Parish B go to Parish A. The diocesan liabilities of Parish B are negotiated with the Diocese.**
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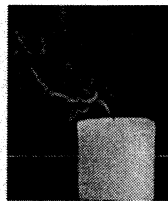
PARISH B BECOMES A CHAPEL, ORATORY OR MISSION



Parish B becomes a chapel or mission of Parish A.
Parish B's church remains open. Masses and other
sacred rites may take place in the chapel or mission.

Closure of a Church

PARISH A



Parish A is extinguished (either through merger or amalgamation), and its church
building is closed.

The church property remains an asset of the receiving parish, which must care for
the property or may sell the property, with the sale proceeds going to the receiving
parish.