



Recommended Parish Family - 30

Holy Spirit (Kent), St. John the Baptist (Covington)

Family Recommendation Comparison

Original Proposed Families	Recommended Families
St. Philomena (Des Moines), Holy Spirit (Kent)	Holy Spirit (Kent), St. John the Baptist (Covington)
St. John the Baptist (Covington), St. Barbara (Black Diamond), Sacred Heart (Enumclaw), St. Aloysius (Buckley)	St. Barbara (Black Diamond), Sacred Heart (Enumclaw), St. Aloysius (Buckley)

Reasons for Recommended Changes

This change was recommended in response to concerns expressed by the people of God around the ability of St. Philomena and Holy Spirit to come together as a family due to their very large sizes and unique ministerial needs, as well as desires expressed by those at St. John the Baptist and other parishes in its former family to move the parish to another family. Holy Spirit was selected as the partner for St. John the Baptist due to proximity and existing overlap in parishioners, ministers, and sacramental participation.

How to Give Input

- Your parish may hold an input session and submit feedback from that session in a group.
- You can also provide direct feedback at these links:
 - English – <https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/forparishespartners/partners-public-comment-202308/>
 - Spanish – <https://archseattle.org/para-parroquias/companeros/companeros-comentario-publico-noviembre-de-2023/?lang=es>
 - Vietnamese – <https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/forparishespartners/partners-public-comment-202308-vie/> (in the process of translation)
- All input on the recommended families is due by **December 15**.

Things to Remember

- This family configuration is still a recommendation: there is the possibility that some families may change as a result of Archbishop Etienne’s final discernment.
- All parish families will receive at least two priests; one pastor, and one or more parochial vicar(s).
- Final parish families will be announced in early 2024, and families will form July 1.
- Pastor assignments will be announced in Spring of 2024.
- Families will have roughly three years to determine their plan for becoming one canonical parish; it is during this time of discernment that major decisions around Mass times, building use, and other topics will be made.