



## **FAMILY OF PARISHES QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – PART 2**

As stated in Part 1 of our series, our Family of Parishes will consist of 3 churches, Sacred Heart Ingersoll, Holy Trinity and Holy Cross Woodstock that will share resources. We will become three parishes working together cooperatively as a family, sharing resources and talents.

This Q&A is a continuation from Part 1 answering some of the basic questions you may have.

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#### **1. HOW WILL PARISH FINANCES BE HANDLED WITHIN A FAMILY OF PARISHES?**

Each parish within a Family will continue to be responsible for its own financial viability. This includes establishing appropriate parish budgets, coordinating parish fundraising, and controlling parish costs. Your donations to Sacred Heart will stay at Sacred Heart. Shared resource costs (ex. Priest living costs, expenses for “family” events, family website etc.) will be divided on an equitable basis.

#### **2. WILL WE SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL CEMETERIES IN OUR FAMILY GROUP?**

**NO.** Each parish cemetery will continue to be the responsibility of that parish. Our

Cemetery Board will remain responsible for the day to day and strategic decisions at

Sacred Heart Cemetery, including arranging grounds maintenance, ensuring compliance with the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act (Province of Ontario law), and making strategic decisions such as, pricing, by-laws and future development.

#### **3. SINCE WE ARE SHARING RESOURCES AND TALENTS, IF I AM CURRENTLY SERVING IN MY PARISH IN SOME WAY, WILL I HAVE TO SERVE AT ALL THE PARISHES?**

**NOT UNLESS YOU WANT TO!** If you are serving in a particular ministry or volunteering in a particular parish, you will not be expected to do so in all of the parishes of the family. Some people, however, may choose to serve in different ways and at different parishes, but that decision is entirely up to them.

As we prepare to embark on this process, we ask for your prayers, support and patience. We know that for some, this journey will be difficult. Your prayers for a smooth transition are crucial.

*May the Holy Spirit guide us on our way!*

**Watch for Part 3, coming soon...**

**All parts of this series will remain on our website.**