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**God of endless possibilities,
we confess we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life you offer us, and thus show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Amen**



Holy Cross/St. Christine Merger News

Merger Transition Team Joint Parish Council Meetings Euclid Cluster Meeting

The Merger Transition Teams met on Monday, September 28. The MTT reviewed the progress of the various committees. The groups are working diligently to complete their assigned tasks.

While the work is going on, the members of these groups are also forming friendships that will serve our new parish well in the future.

The merger team had considerable conversation around the topic of welcoming and the need for everyone to know they are welcome in the new parish. People from both parishes acknowledged that this is a difficult process for many parishioners and that parishioners have begun the process of grieving the loss of their parish.

Welcoming Social Activities and Parish Life

The Welcoming and Social Activities and Parish Life Committee had a combined meeting in September.

They created a monthly calendar of events that will be distributed to all parishioners. Please take advantage of the many opportunities presented!

Two social events were planned to provide an opportunity for parishioners to get together. On Friday, October 23, at 7:30, St. Christine will host a bonfire in the back yard. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy some coffee, hot cocoa and of course, s'mores!

The value of parishioner involvement in creating the new parish was also discussed. In order for this to be a true merger, parishioners from both parishes will have to bring forward those gifts that have made each community unique.

On Monday, October 19th, the Euclid Cluster Team will meet again to prepare our interim report for Bishop, Lennon which is due by the end of October.

This report will include merger updates as well as a report on the other initiatives that were proposed in our original cluster plan.

The final Cluster Report will be due next June after all of the mergers have taken place.

In December, Holy Cross will host a Christmas Carol sing-a-long. More information will be coming soon.



Over the next few months, there will be many opportunities for us to spend time together.

Naming Committee

Our naming process is well underway. Names have been submitted and compiled into a comprehensive list.

It is easy to see that a lot of thought and research went into the names that were submitted. Thanks to everyone that submitted a name to consider.

The list and the Name Selection Forms have been distributed at both parishes and continue to be available for those that haven't yet picked one up.

The final ballot will be compiled and put into the parish bulletins in November.



Education & Faith Formation

The Fall session of Coffee and Conversation has been completed. There was some lively conversation regarding the future of our new parish.

Those involved had fun meeting some new friends and sharing ideas. This is the first time that St. Christine has participated in Coffee & Conversation and it was a great experience.

The PSR Program at St. Christine Church and Generations of Faith and Bible Study at Holy Cross are now in full swing. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Parish History

Holy Cross has completed the writing and production of a DVD that tells the history of the parish. The history is told through the recollection of composite characters. The narration is accompanied by many historical pictures. This DVD will be ready for release soon.

The history of St. Christine Parish has been organized by pastorate and is under construction as is a DVD which will be distributed after the first of the year. A historical PowerPoint presentation will be created for the 84th Anniversary Celebration in November.

Parish Ministries and Outreach

The Parish Ministries and Outreach committee continues to work on creating informative descriptions of the various parish ministries.

These descriptions will be published in the bulletins so that parishioners will understand what is involved in each ministry.

For those wishing to be involved, there are many different options. There are ministry opportunities for everyone, no matter what your interest may be. Please consider sharing your gifts with your fellow parishioners when you see a ministry that is of interest to you.

Let everyone see how these Christians love one another!

