

**Greece/Charlotte/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force**  
**Holy Cross Church/ Our Mother of Sorrows Church/**  
**St. Charles Borromeo Church/ St. John the Evangelist Church/ St. Lawrence Church/**  
**St. Leo the Great Church/ St. Mark Church**  
**Summary of Activity**

The Greece/Charlotte/Hilton Task Force began in the early spring of 2022 with the gathering of the pastoral leaders of the seven parishes. It was agreed to form a task force with the express mission of discussing and formulating a vision of how to meet the needs of the Catholic community in this northwest region of Monroe County and to further the mission of the Church in the salvation of souls through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The task force is comprised of all the pastoral leaders, 2 lay parishioners from every parish, and, acting ex-officio, a recording secretary, and a facilitator.

The initial discussions led to a survey of the task force members to surface the most important issues needed to be addressed. 3 issues surfaced: Vocations, Evangelization, and Communications. The task force established 3 subcommittees to begin this work.

The Vocations Committee's mission is to develop and implement strategies for the 7 parishes to work together to encourage vocations—in general, to the priesthood/diaconate, to religious life, and to lay ecclesial ministry. Actions steps include: the 7 parishes to sponsor a Fisher Dinner for men who might consider a vocation to the priesthood, tentatively scheduled for this December. Also, presentations and/or talks with the 7 parishes' Faith Formation classes, youth ministries, and the 2 Catholic schools. And displays regarding vocations will be placed at all 7 parishes (some already have these), A Holy Hour is scheduled in the Fall at St. Mark's Church to pray for vocations to the permanent diaconate followed by a gathering of men who want to learn more about the diaconate.

The Evangelization Committee's mission is to share parishes' evangelization best practices, to design and implement shared evangelization projects helping our parishioners deepen their relationship with God. Specifically, helping our parishioners talk to others about their faith without judgement and criticism, and reaching out to those who pulled back during Covid and those no longer participating. Promoting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is also being encouraged and information about opportunities for Adoration at our seven parishes is now on the RocCatholicsNorthwest website.

The Communications Committee encouraged frequent and regular shared bulletin articles regarding the work of the Task Force and the establishment of a common website ([roccatholicsnorthwest@dor.org](mailto:roccatholicsnorthwest@dor.org)) in which the people of the parishes can be informed of the work of the task force and the shared efforts in both the areas of vocations and evangelization.

The task force continued to meet regularly through 2023 and into 2024. The discussions led to a very rough draft plan of possible future leadership configurations and the continued work of the subcommittees.

In February of 2024, the pastoral staffs of the seven parishes held an afternoon conference discussing and responding to the rough draft. The task force gathered after that meeting to reflect upon the input from the parish staffs and to highlight changes that need to be incorporated into the rough draft plan from their input.

Members of the task force requested that, if possible, the task force could meet with Bishop Matano in order to hear from him if the task force is doing what is necessary and to make sure they are on the right path.

It is hoped to gather the Parishes' Finance and Pastoral Councils early in the Fall of 2024 to review and invite input to the second rough draft. After which the task force will gather to plan out the next steps.