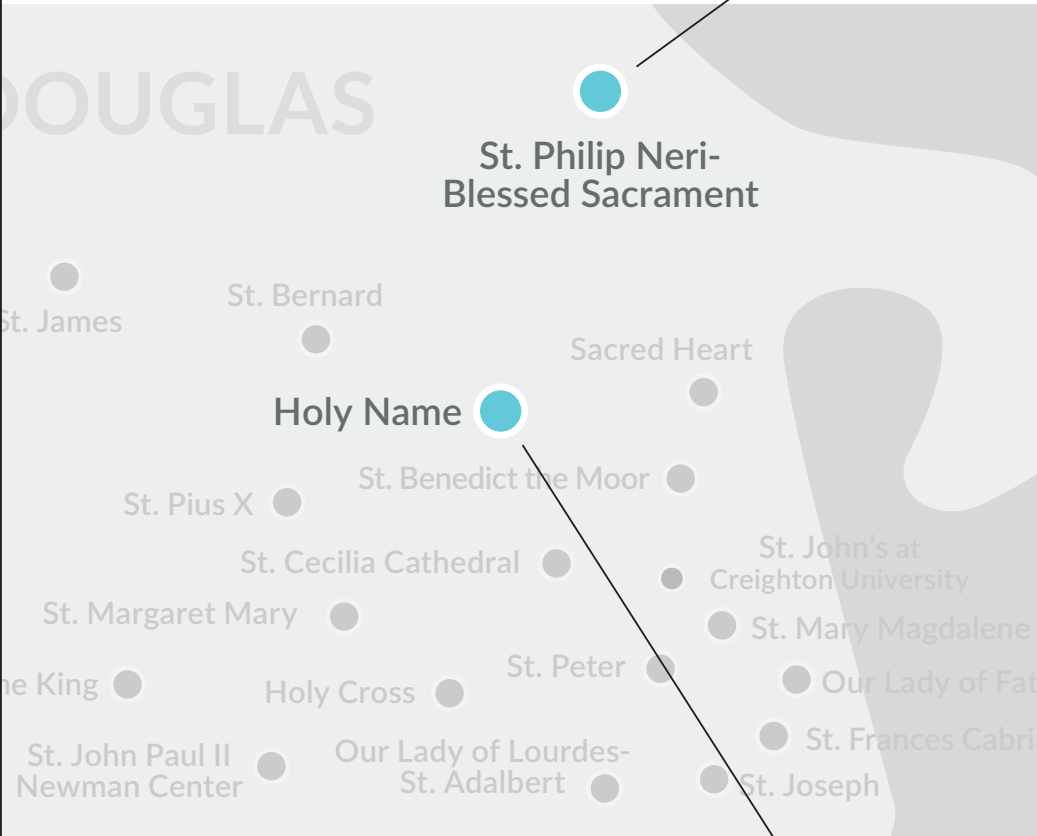


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URBAN FAMILY OF PARISHES • FAMILY

A SINGLE PASTOR WITH TWO SPANISH SPEAKING PRIESTS DECREASING TO ONE SPANISH SPEAKING PRIEST

Sunday 7:30 am – English Mass • Sunday 9:30 am – English Mass • St. Philip Neri Catholic School



How we build our parish family:

- Family Senior Leadership Team
- Family Pastoral Council
- Family Building and Maintenance Committee
- Family Evangelization Committee
- Each parish will retain a separate Finance Council and set of Trustees

We will eventually move to a centralized staff as bilingual as possible:

- Secretary
- Business Manager
- Assistant Business Manager / Bookkeeper
- Evangelization Coordinator/RCIA
- Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Director
- Communication Coordinator

Saturday 5:00 pm – English Mass • Sunday Noon – Spanish Mass • Holy Name Elementary School (CUES)

In the last two decades, Mass attendance in Family of Parishes D has declined by 46.4%.

This is not the sign of a vibrant parish community.

But there's hope. Christ hasn't returned to the tomb. He's risen and is the answer to the question, "How can Family of Parishes D reverse these trends and flourish?" SEE PAGE 2



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FAMILY THE PATH TO A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

HOLY NAME • ST. PHILIP NERI • BLESSED SACRAMENT

According to Archbishop Lucas, a missional community is a group of people who have been touched by Jesus and who can't wait to generously and joyfully invite others into that experience of mercy, relationship and friendship. In other words, it's the same challenge Jesus gave the first disciples.

Journey of Faith, which involves the active involvement of both the clergy and laity, aims to realign parishes, schools, priest assignments, and other resources to help parishes blossom into missional communities spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Why it matters...

Missional communities make the kingdom of God present in our world.

- Everyone is called; everyone has been sent to show that God loves man.
- However, the place of the call is not necessarily the parish center.
- The call too often remains tied to tasks within the parish without a real commitment to applying the gospel to the transformation of society.

There are ecclesial structures that can hamper efforts at evangelization.

- Journey of Faith attempts to renew parish structures to bring them nearer to people.
- To survive and grow, parishes must go beyond maintenance mode.
- God has so much more for us. He wants us to experience the joy that is complete ... in abundance.
- And that means encountering and falling in love with Jesus.

The Catholic faith without a love story is just rules, commandments, and traditions, which people don't find attractive. **Urban Family of Parishes D** must help others encounter and live in the love story Jesus has for them.



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"As I review the planning templates submitted by families of parishes, I am struck by the amount of prayer and work that has been given to the Journey of Faith process so far."

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