



*A message from Fr. John  
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**On Mission Update:** I would like to take this opportunity to inform all parishioners of a few important updates regarding the On Mission process. Recently Fr. H, Fr. Mike, and I invited Parish Services (from the diocese) to meet with all members of all four parish staffs, and with the Finance Councils and Ad Hoc Pastoral Committee. Parish Services explained the merger process and also presented the timeline that we believe will best serve our grouping in preparing for the merger of our four parishes. The timeline presented below is for your consideration.

Please remember that the overarching vision for On Mission is to realign all of our resources to fulfill better the mission of Jesus Christ. The mission of Jesus is for his followers (that's us) to "go and make disciples." We are called to consider how we can become an even more vibrant and sustainable Catholic community in the South Hills. The time has come for us to review, revise and renew our structures, staffs, and ministries to best serve all of God's people, but especially our faithful parishioners.

Please join Fr. H, Fr. Mike, and me in continuing to pray for the success of our grouping's merger and for a deepening of faith in our Lord.

### **Proposed Merger Timeline for Grouping #218**

May 2019	Summer 2019	Fall 2019	January 2020	Summer 2020	Fall 2020	January 2021
Clergy Team and Parish Services meets with staffs and councils.	Conduct evaluation of Mass schedule with Ad Hoc Pastoral Committee. Have a single bulletin for the grouping.	Clergy team in consultation with parish Finance Councils and Ad Hoc Pastoral Committee articulate a vision for a single staff.	Clearly define all new positions (ministerial, administrative, and support staff) that will serve the new parish. Begin interviews with applicants.	New staff positions become effective.	Begin formal merger process.	New parish begins