

NH Catholic Implementation Team



April 26, 2023 Meeting

Meeting Agenda



- Welcome, Prayer, Opening Remarks: Fr. Ryan
- The New Haven Catholic City-Wide Bulletin – Feedback Requested
- Recap from 3/22/23: Key Points, Questions
- Parish Governance Structure
- Parish Ministries Subcommittee Presentation
- Communications Subcommittee Presentation
- Next meeting: May 31, 2023 – The Parish Name
- Adjorn

3/22/23 Meeting Recap



Financial Picture

3/22/23 Meeting Recap



Canonical Picture

- 1. Saints Aedan & Brendan Parish**
- 2. Saint Anthony Parish**
- 3. Saint Martin De Porres Parish**
- 4. Saint Michael Parish**
- 5. Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish**
- 6. Saint Stanislaus Parish**

Will be 'subsumed,' 'amalgamated' → unified into:

- 7. Saint Mary Parish**

NB: Parish: Gathering of the Faithful (Vs.) Church: the Building

NB: Parish includes the 8 existing churches

NB: The remaining Parish Corporation will be renamed (Saint/Blessed NAME) AFTER the civil/tax requirements are resolved (i.e. up to 3-4 months after the canonical decree).

3/22/23 Meeting Recap



Civil Picture

Title 33 - Corporations
Chapter 602 - Nonstock Corporations
Section 33-1158 - Effect of merger.
Universal Citation: CT Gen Stat § 33-1158

When a merger becomes effective:

- (1) The corporation that is designated in the certificate of merger as the survivor continues or comes into existence, as the case may be;
- (2) The separate existence of every corporation that is merged into the survivor ceases;
- (3) All liabilities of each corporation that is merged into the survivor are vested in the survivor;
- (4) All property owned by, and every contract right possessed by, each corporation that merges into the survivor is vested in the survivor without reversion or impairment;
- (5) The name of the survivor may, but need not be, substituted in any pending proceeding for the name of any party to the merger whose separate existence ceased in the merger;
- (6) The certificate of incorporation of the survivor is amended to the extent provided in the plan of merger;
- (7) The certificate of incorporation of a survivor that is created by the merger becomes effective;
- (8) The memberships, if any, of each corporation which is a party to the merger that are to be converted into memberships of the survivor are converted, and the former members in such membership classes are entitled only to the designation, qualifications, privileges and rights of the class of members to which they are converted, as provided in the certificate of incorporation of the survivor as the same may be amended by the plan of merger; and
- (9) Any devise, bequest, gift or grant, contained in any will or in any other instrument, made before or after the merger, to or for the benefit of any of the merging corporations shall inure to the benefit of the survivor, and so far as is necessary for that purpose, the existence of each merging corporation shall be deemed to continue in and through the survivor.

(P.A. 96-256, S. 111, 209; P.A. 03-18, S. 45.) History: P.A. 96-256 effective January 1, 1997; P.A. 03-18 replaced “takes effect” with “becomes effective”, amended Subdivs. (1) to (4) by replacing former provisions with new provisions re effect of merger, added new Subdivs. (5) and (7) re substitution of name of survivor and effectiveness of certificate of incorporation of survivor, redesignated existing Subdivs. (5), (6) and (7) as Subdivs. (6), (8) and (9), and replaced “surviving corporation” with “survivor” and made technical changes throughout, effective July 1, 2003.

Questions





Parish Governance Structure

- Two Trustees
- Finance Council
 - 14 Members by Appointment
 - 2 Representatives from Each Parish
 - 1, 2, 3 Year Term
- Parish Council
 - 14 Members by Appointment (or by Nomination, or combo)
 - 2 representatives from each parish
 - 1, 2, 3 year term
 - Assist Moderator in Directing the Merger post 7/1

NH Catholic Joint Ministry Team



April 26, 2023 Update



Members & Origins

Church/Parish	Committee Member
St. Aedan	Deacon Marty O'Connor
St. Anthony	Ilsa Otero
St. Martin	Agnes Jackson
St. Mary	Marianne Esposito
St. Michael	Frank Gargano /Andrew Donarumo
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Al Del Vecchio
St. Stan	Pat Martucci

Our committee work is an extension of the NHC January report on the ministries, devotions, organizations, societies, parish programs, special feast days and events.

Opportunities of NHC Joint Ministry



- Having a Unified Approach and Sharing Resources
- Examining our charitable works like food collections and toiletry drives, etc. to see if we can expand/focus the reach and impact
- Take action for city/community needs eg. stuffing collection; warming centers
- Share Devotions to support spiritual growth
- Share Ministries to support spiritual growth and community
- Communicate a Parish Calendar so Events can be known throughout our entire municipal parish

How we will do this...



Our approach is to “organically grow together”:

- All of the parishes that make up New Haven Catholic will be encouraged to continue the ministries, devotions, and events that have sustained them through the years.
- We will share what we are doing with our larger faith community.
- We will explore new ways of growing in our faith together as members of New Haven Catholic.



2023 NHC Events Calendar- Save the Dates!

June 11	Corpus Christi	St. Mary Parish
June 22-25	St. Andrew Festival	St. Michael Church
July	Tag Sale	St. Anthony Church
July 24-26	St. Ann Tridum	St. Michael Church
Sept. 10	Polish Picnic	St. Stanislaus Church
October	Living Rosary	St. Stanislaus Church

Questions



Threats



- Parish closings
- Loss of parishioners and collections
- Taking away visibility of only Afro-American parish
- Loss of community/traditions
- Parishioners leaving for non-Catholic churches / establishments
- Priest changes
- AOH bringing constant change
- Parishioners feel unheard
- Lack of transparency = mistrust
- Racism-lack of inclusion
- Youth faith
- Finances managed
- Loss of sacramental opportunities and special services due to demand on priests
- Priest becoming administrators vs shepherds



Next Meeting: May 31, 2023

1. the name of the Trinity, or
2. a name for Christ, invoked in the liturgy, or a mystery of his life, or
3. the name of the Holy Spirit, or
4. a name for Mary, invoked under a title for her used in the liturgy, or
5. the name of a holy angel, or
6. the name of a canonized saint, as it appears in the Roman martyrology
7. the name of a blessed provided the Apostolic See has given its permission.

NB: Canon law leaves it to the diocesan bishop to erect, suppress, or notably alter parishes (canon 515 §2), so it follows that he enjoys the prerogative to name them. Nonetheless, a diocesan bishop would typically want to hear from the pastor and parishioners as to what names they prefer