

## ***Important Update 3-17-23***

### ***Our Parish Partnership ~ Good Shepherd and Resurrection...***

#### ***Parish Partnership Reflection.***

Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in *The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful*: “The parish is not principally a structure, a territory, or a building, but rather the family of God, a fellowship afire with a unifying Spirit, a familial and welcoming home, the community of the faithful. It is a Eucharistic community, a people well suited for celebrating the Eucharist.

The parish is the church situated in the neighborhood of humanity. Its way is to be deeply inserted in human society and intimately bound up with people’s aspirations and with the dramatic events of their lives.

Life today can be disintegrated and dehumanized. The individual may be lost or disoriented. But there always remains in the human heart the desire to experience and cultivate caring and personal relationships.

The parish can respond to this desire when its people participate in its essential mission and calling which is to be a place in the world for the community of believers to gather together, to be a house of welcome to all and a place of service to all - to be ‘the village fountain’ in which all would have recourse in their thirst.”(1988, paragraphs 26-27)

Within the Diocese of Brooklyn, we have:

- 178 parishes, which include:
- 21 merged parishes with 2 sites
- 4 merged parishes with 3 sites
- 18 parishes in a partnership (9 pairs)

Priests assigned to active ministry:

- 2017 - 273
- 2022 - 231 (with 209 assigned to parishes)
- Retired Priests in:
  - 2017 - 148
  - 2022 - 143
- Total Number of priests in:
  - 2017 - 421
  - 2022 - 398 (does not include 24 priests released from diocesan assignments)