

## ***Important Update 2-24-23***

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

#### ***PURPOSE OF PARISH PARTNERSHIP - STRONGER TOGETHER...***

- The goal is to focus on strengthening Church communities - Evangelize.
- The main purpose of a partnership is collaboration between parishes, avoiding duplication of efforts, keeping individuality, while sharing clergy and other resources.
- Parish partnerships can provide a framework to enhance sacramental and pastoral ministries in a certain area while addressing issues like clergy distribution and financial inequity.
- Depending on the specific circumstances, some of these parish partnerships might eventually develop into mergers.
- It is important to keep in mind that not all mergers will lead to site closings, however, some could.

#### ***SOME CLERGY PERSONNEL STATISTICS***

<b><u>Diocesan Clergy</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Priests assigned to active ministry	273	231*
Retired Priests	148	143
TOTAL	421	398*

\* 209 assigned to parishes.

\*\*Does not include 24 priests released from diocesan assignments.

<b><i>Age</i></b>	<b><i>Number of Priests</i></b>	
<b><u>of Clergy</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
26-30	14	1
31-40	37	39
41-50	42	44
51-60	72	71
61-70	90	77
71-75	46	48
76-94	120	118
TOTAL	421	398

***Currently in the Diocese of Brooklyn we have:***

178 parishes, which include:

21 merged parishes with 2 sites

4 merged parishes with 3 sites

19 parishes in a partnership (9 pairs)

***Total Mass attendance within the Diocese of Brooklyn:***

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>
1999	265,913
2006	239,361 (10% decrease)
2017	205,502 (14% decrease)
2022	124,031 (40% decrease)