



Recommended Parish Family - 2

St. Joseph (Ferndale), St. Joseph (Lynden), St. Anne (Blaine), St. Peter (Deming), St. Joachim (Lummi), Assumption (Bellingham), Sacred Heart (Bellingham) + WWU Newman Center

Family Recommendation Comparison

Original Proposed Families	Recommended Family
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Reasons for Recommended Changes

This change was recommended in response extensive discussion among the people of God, and with the need for a long-term plan for financial stability in all of the Whatcom County parishes. This combination was also recommended due to the possibility this would open for more creative assignment of a group of priests in the region to respond to unique ministerial needs (including Hispanic ministry and ministry to the Lummi community and the WWU Newman Center).

How to Give Input

- Your parish may hold an input session and submit feedback from that session in a group.
- You can also provide direct feedback at these links:
 - English – <https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/forparishespartners/partners-public-comment-202308/>
 - Spanish – <https://archseattle.org/para-parroquias/companeros/companeros-comentario-publico-noviembre-de-2023/?lang=es>
 - Vietnamese – <https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/forparishespartners/partners-public-comment-202308-vie/> (in the process of translation)
- All input on the recommended families is due by **December 15**.

Things to Remember

- This family configuration is still a recommendation; there is the possibility that some families may change as a result of Archbishop Etienne's final discernment.
- All parish families will receive at least two priests; one pastor, and one or more parochial vicar(s).
- Final parish families will be announced in early 2024, and families will form July 1.
- Pastor assignments will be announced in Spring of 2024.
- Families will have roughly three years to determine their plan for becoming one canonical parish; it is during this time of discernment that major decisions around Mass times, building use, and other topics will be made.