

# Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes

## *Restructuring Plan:*

### **Objective:**

- For the people:
  - o To be more present to the parishioners
  - o To better address their needs
  - o To be better connected to and know their priests
  - o To be ministered to more attentively
- For the priests:
  - o To be less fragmented in our duties which have us covering all the Churches, all the schools, and all the nursing homes, etc... in the Family of Parishes
  - o To be able to be hyper-focused on a smaller community without having to worry about attending to such a large number of people
  - o To better know the parishioners
  - o To be able to work locally in each parish in a more meaningful way
  - o To lighten the load

### **Solution:**

- Each priest will be appointed to look primarily after 2 parishes and their communities, to celebrate all of the Masses (Sunday and Weekday) at their respective parishes

### **New Sunday Mass Schedule:**

	<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Sunday</b>
Fr. Tony	5pm (Zurich)	8:30am (Zurich)	11am (Exeter)
Fr. Vince	5pm (Mt. Carmel)	9am (Grand Bend)	11am (Mt. Carmel)
Fr. Steve	5pm (Goderich)	9am (Goderich)	11:30am (St. Joseph)

### **New Weekday Mass Schedule:**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
	7pm (Zurich)		12:45pm (Exeter)*	
Nursing Homes	12pm (Grand Bend)	9:15am (M.Carmel)	9:15am (M.Carmel)	9:15am (Grand Bend)
12pm (St. Joseph)	9:15am (Goderich)	School Masses	12:15pm (Goderich)	9:15am (Goderich)

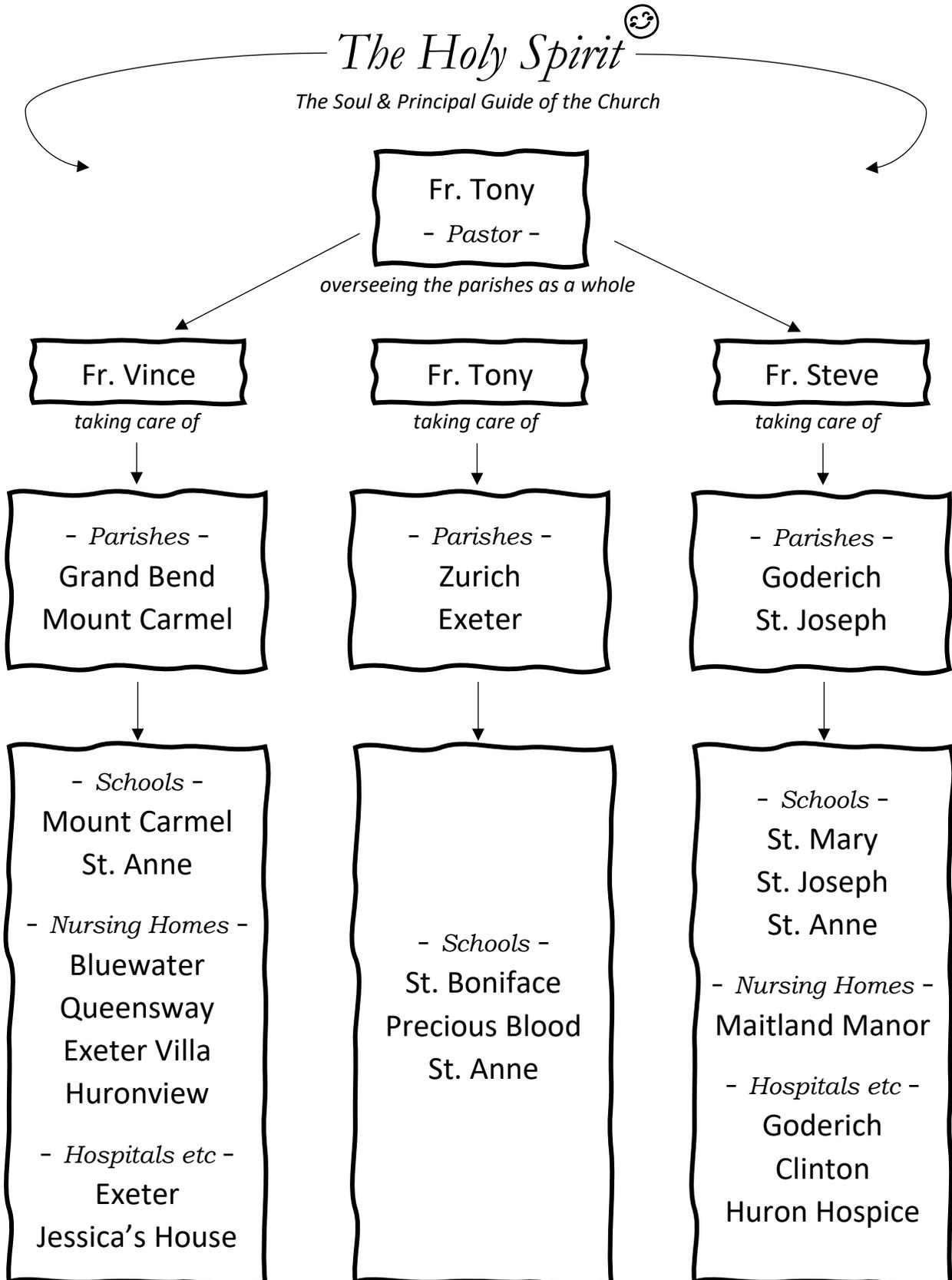
\*Once a month a school Mass in Zurich will replace the Exeter Mass

- Each priest will primarily (exceptions as needed) look after funerals, weddings, and baptisms in their respective parishes
- Each priest will look for local leaders, people within their assigned parishes who have great potential for carrying out God's will in their parish or for our Family as a whole
- Sacramental preparation, Alpha, and other such endeavors will remain Family-wide and will not be specific to any groupings. There will still be Family-wide events and activities.

## Living Arrangements:

- Fr. Tony & Fr. Vince will live in Mount Carmel
- Fr. Steve will live in Goderich

## Structure:



## What else we've been up to:

We're also very excited to announce that we've been holding strategic meetings to do more to bring people back to Church and to introduce new people to Jesus! We've already held a couple meetings and much progress is already underway. Here's some of the goals we've set for the short term:

- Establish Children's Church in all the parishes (most have already been established, only one parish left to go!)
- Establish a Youth Group for grades 5-6 (coming soon)
- Work with school teams to develop co-pastoral plans (in progress)
- Further train and encourage the Hospitality Teams in our parishes (already well underway)
- Form an Alpha Team and begin in-person Alpha events (already well underway)
- Posting clips of homilies online and sharing on social media

There is more we have as long-term goals as well, including:

- Provide faith-formation for all ages
- Establish a Youth Group for older grades
- Establish a Ministry Fair
- Establish a Discernment Committee

## Ways you can help:

- We are always looking for volunteers. If you have passion and drive for wanting to see something happen in your Church or in our Family of Parishes at large, don't hesitate to give us a call and share your ideas! Even if it isn't on our list of goals, if God has put something on your heart that you want to see, and you think you can help, let us know!
- We are looking for a cook in Zurich to prepare food for the 3 priests, 2 days a week so the priests can meet together and maintain fraternity since we're living in separate houses. Even if you would like to cook on a rotating basis, we could get a number of people who are willing.

## Special Thanks to our Strategic Team:

We are ever grateful to our Strategic Team who has not only put forward their great ideas but they have worked hard to start making these great things happen in our Family of Parishes. The future for our Family is bright because of your willingness to respond to the Holy Spirit. We couldn't have done it without you, thank you! We are so excited to see what you will accomplish next!

## Here are our current Strategic Team Members:

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|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| - Nancy Smart     | Precious Blood           | - Brenda Teichert    | St. Peter's (Goderich)   |
| - Ruth Westelaken | Precious Blood           | - Sean McDade        | St. Peter's (Goderich)   |
| - Carla Smith     | St. Peter's (St. Joseph) | - Regina Xerri       | Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| - Martha Mungar   | St. Peter's (St. Joseph) |                      |                          |
| - Dara Hartman    | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel   |                      |                          |
| - Fran Roelands   | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel   | + Staff:             |                          |
| Chris Roelands    | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel   | - Jim Van Lanen      |                          |
| Kristyn Egli      | St. Boniface             | - Fr. Tony Laforet   |                          |
| - Natalie Steeper | St. Boniface             | - Fr. Vince Gulikers |                          |
| - Sandra Regier   | St Boniface              | - Fr. Steve Marsh    |                          |