

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Transition Team for the Family of Parishes in the Bluewater area gathered for the first time on February 19th. The Team consists of myself, Fr. Matthew George, Fr. Vince Gulikers, Lori Laporte (secretary at St. Boniface) and 2 members from each parish's Pastoral Council. This Team will meet every 2-3 weeks during the six month preparation period.

The responsibilities of this Transition Team will include the following tasks:

- develop a communication plan to update parishioners of our progress
- select a name for the Family of Parishes
- develop a workable Mass schedule
- plan an integration of liturgical ministries & parish committees when possible
- develop a Pastoral Plan for the first six months
- discern office location and priest residence
- develop an inventory of facilities and resources.

At this time, we have discerned using the residence at St. Peter's in Goderich since it is the only place ready to have 3 priests living together. We are still discerning about the office location but St. Boniface Church may be a central location for the six parishes. The Transition Team will be meeting this week on March 5th. During these 6 months, we ask you to please keep our Transition Team in your prayers as we work together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit!

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to resist temptation and follow the ways of our Saviour, Jesus Christ during this Season of Lent.

Fr. Tony