

ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS
CONNECTED IN THE SPIRIT
INDIANAPOLIS DEANERIES
May 21, 2014

DEANERY: East

COHORT: 3

PARISHES

Holy Spirit
Little Flower
Our Lady of Lourdes
St. Bernadette

CITIES

Indianapolis
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Saint Bernadette Parish to merge into Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Holy Spirit Parish, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Little Flower) Parish to be in Partnership

Goals:

1. Assess outreach programs at St. Bernadette Retreat Center
2. Devise a plan to address issues in social justice and evangelization
3. Continue and explore ways to support Holy Spirit, Little Flower and Our Lady of Lourdes Schools and Seccina Memorial High School
4. Collaboratively support and expand Hispanic ministry to address the needs of the growing community
5. Continue to offer outreach to the marginalized people on the Eastside of Indianapolis
6. Develop spiritually enriching programs, events, and experiences for parishioners
7. Coordinate Mass schedules, consolidating or eliminating poorly attended Masses
8. Strengthen training for liturgical and pastoral ministries
9. Design and implement effective lifelong faith formation programs with an emphasis on adult faith formation
10. Plan and implement vocation awareness programs including priesthood, diaconate, vowed religious, sacramental marriage and committed single life
11. Promote good stewardship of human and financial resources

Rationale:

These goals are based on the goals and criteria of *Connected in the Spirit* established by the Archbishop, the parish studies and Parish, Cohort and Archdiocesan data as well as the parishes responses to the Preliminary Recommendations.

Please review the Decree to merge St. Bernadette Parish into Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. The Decree is available at the St. Bernadette Parish office, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish office, *The Criterion*, and the Archdiocesan website.