

# MISSION

The Office for Peace and Justice facilitates the Parish Sharing program with the mission to link parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago to mutually benefit from each other by sharing spiritual, community, material and financial resources.

Parish Sharing is a ministry to share in the spiritual graces and true treasures of our Catholic faith...the Sacraments of the Church.



The Parish Sharing Program offers opportunities for true unity as children of our loving God and...

...it demonstrates the Church's "preferential option for the poor" while upholding the right to life and human dignity for all

...recognizes that we all possess gifts to share while having needs to be fulfilled

...helps us to learn the beauty of other cultures & ethnic groups

...offers a way to live out what Pope John Paul II called the "virtue of solidarity"

...issues the call to follow Jesus in our actions

*Our Lady of Guadalupe—  
Patroness of the Americas*



*'Pray for us'*

*"God is not solitude, but perfect communion. For this reason the human person, the image of God, realizes himself or herself in love, which is a sincere gift of self."*

*- Pope Benedict XVI*



- The Archdiocesan Parish Sharing Program sponsors an Annual Parish Sharing Mass & various training workshops during the year.
- The Parish Sharing Staff will assist parishes who are seeking to begin or invigorate their sharing relationships.
- If you would like to donate or volunteer directly with the Archdiocese of Chicago's Parish Sharing Program, please contact us.

**Please contact Rey Flores at (312)534-3690 or Nicole Wooldridge at (312)534-3894 for more information.**



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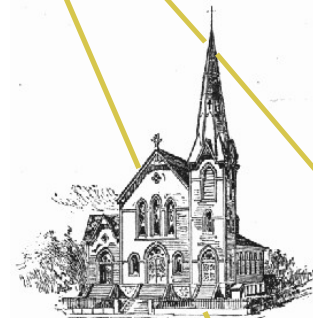
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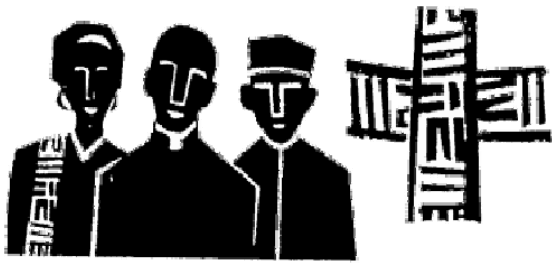
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# PARISH SHARING PROGRAM



Archdiocese of Chicago



Please fill out this form so we can "MATCH" you with a parish that you can start your sharing partnership with. Our role is to simply facilitate the process. Each participating parish is responsible for the development of the Parish Sharing relationship.

# PARISH SHARING "MATCH" FORM

Thank you for your interest in our **Parish Sharing Program**. Whether you are indeed blessed with an abundance of parishioners and all the wonderful gifts, talents and skills that they bring to your parish or you find that your parish is in need of support in one way or another, please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to grow in our Catholic faith.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vicariate (please circle one): I II III IV V VI

Parish Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Completing Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Position / Role at Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Who coordinates or will coordinate your Parish Sharing activities?** (Please check one)

- Parish Sharing Committee     Peace & Justice Committee     Human Concerns Committee
- Parish Staff     other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person for Parish Sharing** (if other than person completing this form):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position / Role at Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you previously had a Parish Sharing relationship?**     Yes     No

If 'yes', were you generally satisfied with your previous Parish Sharing relationships?     Yes     No

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What are your wants / needs / desires from the Parish Sharing Program?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Does your parish have a school?**     Yes     No

**Do you prefer a partner parish with a school?**     Yes     No

**Would you or someone at your parish be willing to serve on the Parish Sharing Volunteer Committee?**

Yes     No    *If other than you:* Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FAX or MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: (312)534-3856, attention to: 'OPJ - Parish Sharing'**

**If you have any questions, please contact: Rey Flores – Director of Parish Sharing at 312-534-3690 or Program Assistant Nicole Wooldridge at: 312-534-3894.**

## History & Activities

Since its official inception on Holy Thursday in 1976, the *Parish Sharing Program's* roots actually date back to the "twinning" partnerships some parishes started back in the 1950's in Chicago.

Unique to the Archdiocese of Chicago, the *Parish Sharing Program* builds bridges between parishes that differ in cultures, ethnic background, languages, economics and neighborhoods.

Today's Catholics continue this sharing tradition that goes beyond helping a fellow parish financially.

**Sharing Parishes participate in some of these shared activities:**

\*Annual Parish Sharing Mass \*

\*Family Rosaries\*

\*Eucharistic Adoration\*

\*Choir Exchanges\*

\*Shared Retreats\*

\*Bible Study Groups\*

\*Tutoring & Scholarship Efforts\*

\*Food Drives\*

\*Financial & Material Aid\*

\*Picnics\*

\*Family Movie Nights\*

\*Pancake Breakfasts / Potluck Dinners\*

\*Lent & Advent Celebrations\*

\*Christmas Party / Friday Night Fish Fry\*

\*Class / Teacher Swap for a Day\*

