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## MESSAGES FROM ARCHBISHOP JACKELS



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### AN ARCHDIOCESAN CONVERSATION ABOUT THE VITALITY AND FUTURE OF OUR PARISHES

In the movie *Amadeus*, when Mozart asked Emperor Joseph II what he thought about his newest opera, he said: There are simply too many parishes and churches, I mean, notes.

We're praying and working hard to promote vocations to the priesthood, but even when we have more priests, we would still have too many parishes and churches.

The general population has declined, as has the Catholic population, and the number of priests, but the number of parishes and churches hasn't declined correspondingly.

Buildings serve what defines a parish: serving the poor; learning and teaching the Gospel; prayer and worship. We don't maintain chapels of convenience, or museums to the past.

If all three activities aren't present, call it what you will, but it's not a parish, and the parishioners have decided it should be closed (not the old, fat, and bald archbishop).

One priest said: We don't have too few priests, we have too many parishes. Too many for our priests to pastor, and too many of them less than active and vibrant.

A parish just can't attract, retain, or offer spiritual nourishment to people if nothing happens there in between Sundays, and if parishioners don't share time, talent and treasure.

And so, there's a need to do pastoral planning, that is, how best to provide pastoral care to Catholics in the 30 counties of the Archdiocese; this effort will be led by Jeff Henderson.

The first step: Jeff will develop an instrument

to be used to solicit responses from online surveys and at in-person meetings in February 2022. All are welcome to give input.

The second step: Jeff will draw from the survey responses to determine what questions to ask, criteria to use, and standards for measuring the vitality of a parish, and its future.

The third step: Jeff will use those standards to recommend which parishes and churches to close, merge, or leave as is, and in such a way that all will take ownership of the decision.

Pastoral planning doesn't signal we've given up hope; au contraire, it serves to invigorate our efforts to continue the mission of Jesus in the ministries of our parishes and churches.

**Michael O. Jackels**  
Archbishop of Dubuque

### WEEKLY SYNOD MESSAGES FROM ARCHBISHOP JACKELS

Archbishop Jackels is preaching about the synod during his weekly recorded Mass. To stay informed of our local participation in the global synod process (as introduced in the October issue of *Together*), visit:

**Homily messages** (video & text formats):  
[dbqarch.org/synod-homilies-by-archbishop](http://dbqarch.org/synod-homilies-by-archbishop)

**Synod information:** [dbqarch.org/synodal-church](http://dbqarch.org/synodal-church)

#### Most recent homily about the synod



[Read the Homily | Thirty-second Sunday in OT | 7 Nov. 2021](#)

#### Previous homilies about the synod

**Thirty-first Sunday in OT | 31 October 2021**

[Homily video](#)

[Homily text](#)

### Litany to St. Joseph to be prayed on the 19th of November, 2021

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

God our Father in heaven,  
have mercy on us.  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have  
mercy on us.  
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.  
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.  
Noble son of the House of David, pray for us.  
Light of the Patriarchs, pray for us.  
Husband of the Mother of God,  
pray for us.  
Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.  
Foster father of the Son of God, pray for us.  
Faithful guardian of Christ, pray for us.  
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.  
Joseph, chaste and just, pray for us.  
Joseph, prudent and brave, pray for us.  
Joseph, obedient and loyal, pray for us.  
Pattern of patience, pray for us.

Lover of poverty, pray for us.  
Model of workers, pray for us.  
Example to parents, pray for us.  
Guardian of virgins, pray for us.  
Pillar of family life, pray for us.  
Comfort of the troubled, pray for us.  
Hope of the sick, pray for us.  
Patron of the dying, pray for us.  
Terror of evil spirits, pray for us.  
Protector of the Church, pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us.

God made him master of his household, and  
put him in charge of all that he owned.

Let us pray. O God, who in your  
inexpressible providence were pleased to  
choose Saint Joseph as spouse of the most  
holy Mother of your Son, grant, we pray,  
that we, who revere him as our protector  
on earth, may be worthy of his heavenly  
intercession.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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