

Eastern Greece/Charlotte Planning Group
Year pastoral planning started: 1998

Holy Cross, Holy Name, Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Charles Borromeo,
St. John the Evangelist

Major Initiatives in Approved Pastoral Plan	Major Accomplishments/Plans
Outreach to Age Groups 20-45	Listening sessions were conducted with those aged 20-45 & a focus team developed which meets monthly. First event, presentation by Fr. Bob Kennedy on “What Does it Mean to be Catholic Today?”, was held in 10/00 & was successful.
Outreach to single, divorced, separated, bereaved, single parents, older adults & youth	.
Evangelization of the unchurched and alienated	Representatives from each parish attended diocesan evangelization team training in 1/01. Focus team is developing to address evangelization at the planning group level
Increasing the number of volunteers	
Finances: Develop a program to increase parish incomes via wills and bequeaths; improve financial communications among the parishes and with the Diocese	
Communication: Put in place a process to share parish calendars; staffs to open and maintain regular lines of communication.	

Configuration Status	
# of priests “expected” per plan & Bishop’s response: 9	Current # of scheduled weekend masses: 23
Configuration plans (actual and/or contingency to meet 3 mass/active priest/weekend canonical limit): The plan called for a reduction from 11 to 9 priests with pastors at all parishes and parochial vicars at Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles, and St. John.	

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