



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

of Collegeville

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The Diocese of Saint Cloud has requested that all parishes make a recommendation to the Diocesan Planning Committee concerning the future of their parish in light of the shortage of priests in our Diocese. In the coming years, it is expected that 56 priests will be presiding over 131 parishes in our Diocese. The Bishop and Diocesan Planning Committee are working to establish and implement a plan to sustain parishes before the retirement of Pastor Father Greg Miller in two to three years.

Per discussion at the March 15, 2018, St. John the Baptist Parish Council meeting:

St. John the Baptist Parish of Collegeville's Parish Council Recommendation to Bishop Donald Kettler:

The parish councils of St. John the Baptist Parish, Collegeville, and St. Benedict Parish, Avon, have discussed the recommendation that these two parishes remain twinned. In doing so, they are discussing the addition of a staff person in two to three years to manage both parishes' administrative needs, thereby allowing the pastor to concentrate his energies on pastoral care and sacramental ministries.

The Parish Council welcomes feedback from parishioners. Please feel free to submit your feedback, questions or concerns below. Comments can be returned by mail or by contacting any of the following parish council members directly by **April 15th**.

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