

Cardinal's Directive

A review of our Churches and Presbyteries





Start a conversation

We need the views and thoughts of Parishioners of all ages and from all four Church Communities across our Parish

Take a discernment approach, based on prayer to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our thinking and response to the Cardinal's directive

Let's start with Prayer

Almighty Father,

we ask that you guide and help us consider the future of our churches and presbyteries within the Parish of Te Awakairangi.

Help us be mindful of what change might mean to our communities and the impact it may have on individuals. Guide us to be a sound judge of all situations that change may have within and across our Parish.

Open our hearts to ensure our thoughts, words and actions are focused on building a stronger parish community that supports and provides for the pastoral care of all peoples in our Parish.

We thank you for your guidance and for being with us as discern the property needs of our Parish.

We offer this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

What we have been told so far

A summary of comments received from the initial survey put out by the Steering Group

- OPTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE CONSIDERED AS WE LOOK TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CHURCHES AND PRESBYTERIES
- Consider the sociology economic status of the people and their ability to travel to a Church
- Consider the communities we have and ensure that those affected by any reduction are actively involved in building their “new” community
- Be mindful of creating two separate socio-economic communities through any reduction in Churches
- Consider how we might use this exercise to engage and excite our youth about the future of our Parish
- Consider developing facilities that have multi-purpose uses, so not just for Sunday Mass – a centre or centres for community to come together to meet pastoral needs of our wider community

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- Maintain the faith, holiness and traditions of the Church and make our Parish attractive to peoples of all ages and ethnicities
- Ensure we maintain availability of daily Masses, Sacraments, and Eucharistic Adoration
- Redevelop one of the Presbyteries to be the “home” for all our Priests and dispose of the others for social housing.

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- Rationalise our churches to be where our people are located and where they are still accessible to current and future parishioners
- Maximise use of our Ministry holders so they can continue their Ministry roles in whatever make up of churches we end up with
- We need to capture the imagination of our youth, as they are the future of our faith
- Be mindful of our northern communities and the practicality of access to a local church and to also stay in the community that they feel comfortable in.

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- Open our doors and hearts and serving those that are disadvantaged in our community - e.g. helping with the housing crisis many face in our community. Also helping/supporting our schools/young families as the struggle to give our children a great Christian start in life
- Work together rather than in isolated silos which often replicate each other allows for: greater diversity, sharing of gifts across the whole area, support for each other and will avoid stress and strain on the Priests who are available for sacramental services
- Size and cost of maintenance of buildings alone should not be the only determining factors. The holiness and sacred economy of a church in leading people to God and eternal salvation is the only thing that matters

NEXT STEPS

Share with the people next to you

- Start praying for the Holy Spirit to guide you / our thinking on how we might respond to the Cardinal's Directive.
- Talk within your family / group about what the Cardinal's directive means for you / your faith community
- Share any concerns you have
- Let us know what questions you have.
- Share any suggestions/ideas

- Online through Survey
- In writing – drop off to Parish Office attention Steering Committee
- Talk to PPC representatives
- Email PPC – teawakairangi.ppc@gmail.com