



Recommended Parish Family - 29

St. Philomena (Des Moines), St. Thomas (Tukwila)

Family Recommendation Comparison

Original Proposed Families	Recommended Family
St. Francis of Assisi (Burien), St. Bernadette (Seattle), St. Thomas (Tukwila)	St. Philomena (Des Moines), St. Thomas (Tukwila)
St. Philomena (Des Moines), Holy Spirit (Kent)	Holy Spirit (Kent), St. John the Baptist (Covington)
St. John the Baptist (Covington), St. Barbara (Black Diamond), Sacred Heart (Enumclaw), St. Aloysius (Buckley)	St. Barbara (Black Diamond), Sacred Heart (Enumclaw), St. Aloysius (Buckley)

Reasons for Recommended Changes

This change was recommended in response concerns expressed by the people of God around the ability of St. Philomena and Holy Spirit to come together as a family due to their large sizes and unique ministerial needs, leading to the suggestion that the parishes be separated. The connection of St. Philomena with St. Thomas was raised in one of the input sessions at St. Philomena, and recommended in conjunction with other changes in South King County.

How to Give Input

- Your parish may hold an input session and submit feedback from that session in a group.
- You can also provide direct feedback at these links:
 - English – <https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/forparishespartners/partners-public-comment-202308/>
 - Spanish – <https://archseattle.org/para-parroquias/companeros/companeros-comentario-publico-noviembre-de-2023/?lang=es>
 - Vietnamese – <https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/forparishespartners/partners-public-comment-202308-vie/> (in the process of translation)
- All input on the recommended families is due by **December 15**.

Things to Remember

- This family configuration is still a recommendation: there is the possibility that some families may change as a result of Archbishop Etienne’s final discernment.
- All parish families will receive at least two priests; one pastor, and one or more parochial vicar(s).
- Final parish families will be announced in early 2024, and families will form July 1.
- Pastor assignments will be announced in Spring of 2024.
- Families will have roughly three years to determine their plan for becoming one canonical parish; it is during this time of discernment that major decisions around Mass times, building use, and other topics will be made.