

Timeline of the Road to Renewal

2020

August 2020: Road to Renewal announced

September - November 2020: Diocesan Renewal Task Force created and initiates consultation process

2021

March 2021: Fr. Bryan Zielenieski named Vicar of Renewal

June 2021: Family of Parishes draft distributed

Summer 2021: Consultation phase on draft of Families of Parishes

September 2021: Three families begin as pilot families

2022

September 2022: Implementation of Families of Parishes model

May 2022: Renewal Playbook distributed to Families of Parishes

2023

February 2023: First round of pastors, senior parochial and parochial vicars assignments announced

May 2023: Second round of pastors, senior parochial and parochial vicars assignments announced

July 2023: Third round of pastors, senior parochial and parochial vicars assignments announced

2024

March 2024: Rightsizing/Reshaping Diocese of Buffalo Presentation given to Bishop's Administrative Team, Vicars Forane, College of Consultors and Presbyteral Council and Renewal Conference was held

April - May 2024: Evaluation Metrics created for each family/parish in each vicariate

May 2024: Renewal office drafts Diocesan Recommendations for mergers/closures

May 28, 2024: All priest meeting detailing Rightsizing/Reshaping

May 28, 2024: News conference sharing Rightsizing/Reshaping

June 6 - 13, 2024: Vicariate announcements of Diocesan recommendations for mergers/closures

June 29, 2024: Diocesan Pastoral Council meets to consult on process and updates

July 15, 2024: Family deadline to accept Diocesan recommendations or let Diocese know there will be a counter proposal

July 26, 2024: Selected counter proposal evaluation team all afternoon training session

August 12 - 22, 2024: Vicariate Family meetings for counter proposals

August 23, 2024: Counter proposal evaluation team drafts final recommendations to Bishop Fisher

August 27 and 30, 2024: Presbyteral Council consultation with Bishop Fisher on final draft of recommendations - meeting 1 and 2 (9.5 hours)

August 30, 2024: News release announcing delay in final decisions due to long consultation phase

September 9, 2024: Announcement made to Vicar Foranes, clergy and Family of Parishes representatives

September 10, 2024: News conference on final recommendations

Summary Sheet of Buffalo Vicariate

Rev. Ronald Sajdak, Vicar Forane

Parishes open

St. Mark, Buffalo
Assumption, Buffalo
SS. Columba Brigid, Buffalo
Blessed Trinity, Buffalo
St. Martin de Porres, Buffalo
Blessed Sacrament, Buffalo
St. Louis, Buffalo
Our Lady of Hope, Buffalo
St. Stanislaus, Buffalo
St. Katharine Drexel, Buffalo
Corpus Christi, Buffalo
Our Lady of Charity, Buffalo
St. Teresa, Buffalo
St. Andrew, Sloan
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Cheektowaga
St. Joseph University, Buffalo

Free standing church

St. Casimir, Buffalo

Secondary worship sites

St. Margaret, Buffalo
St. Anthony of Padua, Buffalo (Oratory)
St. John Gualbert, Cheektowaga
St. Adalbert, Buffalo
St. Ambrose or St. Martin of Tours, Buffalo
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Buffalo
UB Newman Center, Amherst

Parishes/sites merging and closing

St. Rose of Lima, Buffalo
All Saints, Buffalo
Holy Spirit, Buffalo
Holy Cross, Buffalo
St. Michael, Buffalo
Coronation of the Bl. Virgin Mary, Buffalo
St. John Kanty, Buffalo
St. Thomas Aquinas, Buffalo
St. Ambrose or St. Martin of Tours, Buffalo
St. Bernard, Buffalo



Summary Sheet of Genesee Wyoming Vicariate

Rev. Bernard Nowak, Vicar Forane

Parishes open

Immaculate Conception, East Aurora

St. Vincent de Paul, Springbrook

Annunciation, Elma

Resurrection, Batavia

Our Lady of Mercy, LeRoy

St. Michael, Warsaw

St. John Neumann, Attica

Secondary worship sites

St. Padre Pio, Oakfield

St. Maximilian Kolbe, East Pembroke

Mary Immaculate, Pavilion

St. John Neumann, Sheldon

St. John Neumann, Varysburg

Parishes/sites merged and closed

St. George, West Falls

St. Padre Pio, *Elba site*

St. Brigid, Bergen

Ascension, Batavia

St. Maximilian Kolbe, *Corfu site*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, *Darien Center*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, *Bennington Center*

St. John Neumann, *Strykersville site*

Mary Immaculate, *East Bethany site*

St. Isidore, *Perry site*

St. Isidore, *Silver Springs site*

Summary Sheet of Southern Erie Vicariate

Rev. Sean DiMaria, Vicar Forane

Parishes open

Queen of Heaven, West Seneca
St. Gabriel, Elma
Resurrection, Cheektowaga
Our Lady Help of Christians, Cheektowaga
St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster
St. Philip the Apostle, Cheektowaga
St. John the Baptist, Alden
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Orchard Park
Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Lackawanna
SS. Peter and Paul, Hamburg
Nativity of Our Lord, Orchard Park
St. Mary of the Lake, Hamburg
St. John Paul II, Lake View
Most Precious Blood, Angola

Secondary worship sites

14 Holy Helpers, Gardenville
Our Lady of Pompeii, Lancaster
Queen of Angels, Lackawanna
St. John the Baptist, Boston
St. Mary, East Eden
St. Bernadette, Orchard Park

Parishes/ sites merging and closing

St. John Vianney, Orchard Park
St. John XXIII, West Seneca
St. Josaphat, Cheektowaga
Queen of Martyrs, Cheektowaga
St. Martha, Depew
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Depew
St. Anthony, Lackawanna
Our Mother of Good Counsel, Blasdell
Our Lady of Bistrice, Lackawanna
St. Francis of Assisi, Hamburg
St. Anthony, Farnham

Summary Sheet of Northern Erie Vicariate

Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Zapfel, Vicar Forane

Parishes open

St. Mary, Swormville
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Harris Hill
St. Teresa of Avila, Akron
SS. Peter and Paul, Williamsville
Christ the King, Snyder
St. Leo the Great, Amherst
St. John the Baptist, Kenmore
St. Stephen, Grand Island
St. Paul, Kenmore
St. Timothy, Tonawanda
St. Amelia, Tonawanda
St. Christopher, Tonawanda
Our Lady of Czestochowa, North Tonawanda
St. Gregory the Great, Williamsville
Good Shepherd, Pendleton

Secondary worship sites

Our Lady of Peace, Clarence
Sacred Heart, Bowmansville
St. Benedict, Eggertsville

Parishes/sites merging and closing

Good Shepherd, Clarence
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Cheektowaga
Infant of Prague, Cheektowaga
St. Andrew, Kenmore
Blessed Sacrament, Tonawanda
St. Francis of Assisi, Tonawanda
St. Jude the Apostle, North Tonawanda
St. Pius X, Getzville

Summary Sheet of Southern Tier East Vicariate

Rev. James Hartwell, Vicar Forane

Parishes open

Immaculate Conception, Wellsville
St. Patrick, Belfast
St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, Olean
St. Bonaventure, Allegany
Holy Name of Mary, Ellicottville
St. Mary, Arcade

Secondary worship sites

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Belmont
St. Jude, Alfred
Our Lady of the Angels, Cuba
St. Patrick, Fillmore
St. Mary, Canaseraga
St. John the Evangelist, Olean
Our Lady of Peace, Salamanca
St. Philomena, Franklinville
St. Aloysius, Springville
St. Joseph, Holland

Parishes/sites merging and closing

St. Mary, Bolivar
Blessed Sacrament, Andover
St. Brendan, Almond
St. Joseph Oratory, Scio
St. Jude, Sardinia
St. John the Baptist, West Valley
St. Mary, *East Arcade site*

Summary Sheet of Southern Tier West Vicariate

Rev. Todd Remick, Vicar Forane

Parishes open

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Silver Creek
Holy Trinity, Dunkirk
St. James, Jamestown
Sacred Heart, Lakewood
St. Patrick, Randolph
St. Mary of Lourdes, Mayville
St. Dominic, Westfield
Christ Our Hope, French Creek
St. Joseph, Gowanda
Epiphany, Langford
Immaculate Conception, Eden

Secondary worship sites

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Dunkirk
St. Anthony, Fredonia (UNTIL FEB. 15, 2026)
St. Hyacinth, Dunkirk (UNTIL FEB. 15, 2026)
Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, *St. John site*,
Jamestown
St. Mary of Lourdes, Bemus Point

Parishes/sites merging and closing

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, *Forestville site*
St. Joseph, Fredonia
St. Anthony, Fredonia (FEB. 15, 2026)
Blessed Mary Angela, *St. Hyacinth site*, Dunkirk
(FEB. 15, 2026)
Blessed Mary Angela, *St. Hedwig site*, Dunkirk
Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, *SS. Peter and Paul
site*, Jamestown
Sacred Heart, *Panama site*
St. James, *Frewsburg site*
Our Lady of Loretto, Falconer
St. Dominic, *Brocton site*
Christ Our Hope, *Sherman site*
Holy Spirit, North Collins
St. Mary, Cattaraugus

Summary Sheet of Niagara Orleans Vicariate

Rev. Steven Jekielek, Vicar Forane

Parishes open

St. John the Baptist, Lockport
St. Brendan on the Lake, Newfane
Our Lady of the Lake, Barker
Holy Trinity, Medina
St. Mary, Holley
Holy Family, Albion
St. Peter, Lewiston
Immaculate Conception, Ransomville
St. Vincent de Paul, Niagara Falls
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Niagara Falls

Secondary worship sites

St. Brendan on the Lake, Olcott
(SEASONAL WORSHIP SITE)
St. Peter, *Youngstown site*
St. Mary of the Cataract, Niagara Falls
St. Leo, Niagara Falls

Parishes/sites merging and closing

All Saints, *St. Patrick site*, Lockport
All Saints, *St. Joseph site*, Lockport
St. Brendan on the Lake, *Wilson site*
Holy Trinity, *Middleport site*
St. Mark, Kendall
Former Lyndonville property, rectory
St. Raphael, Niagara Falls
St. John de LaSalle, Niagara Falls
Divine Mercy, Niagara Falls