



## **Renew My Church: Bridgeport/Canaryville/Chinatown “BCC” Grouping Update January 19, 2019**

The Renew My Church BCC grouping includes All Saints – St. Anthony Parish, Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Bridgeport Catholic Academy, St. Barbara Parish and School, St. Gabriel Parish and School, St. Jerome Croatian Parish and School, Santa Lucia-Santa Maria Incoronata Parish and School, St. Mary of Perpetual Help Parish, and St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church and School.

### **Discernment Process**

In November 2018, Cardinal Cupich requested additional time for further discussion and consultation regarding the parishes of All Saints-St. Anthony, St. Barbara, St. Mary of Perpetual Help and St. Therese Chinese and the Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate. Since then, further discernment and dialogue ensued concerning the best, sustainable structures for the future of the four parish communities.

### **Decision**

Over the course of the past several weeks, Cardinal Cupich, Bishop Robert Casey, and the Archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met to discuss the additional input gathered during the extended period of discernment. Based upon those discussions and prayerful consideration, a final decision was made regarding the parish structures.

- St. Therese Chinese and St. Barbara unite to form one new parish, effective July 1, 2019. Both churches remain open as active worship sites of the new parish. St. Therese Chinese School is the parish school. Fr. Francis Li will be the pastor of the new parish and will work with Fr. Marat to ensure an effective and smooth transition to the new parish model. The archdiocese will continue to work with the community to explore potential expansion of the Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate.
- All Saints – St. Anthony and St. Mary of Perpetual Help unite to form one new parish, effective July 1, 2019. St. Mary of Perpetual Help continues as the active worship site of the new parish. All Saints – St. Anthony Church will close no later than June 30, 2020. Fr. Thomas Aschenbrener will be the pastor of the new parish and will work with Fr. McQuinn to ensure an effective and smooth transition to the new parish model, including accompanying the Hispanic community of All Saints – St. Anthony into the new parish.
- Furthermore, Cardinal Cupich, archdiocesan leadership, and the Office of Catholic Schools together affirm the decision announced in November: **St. Therese Chinese School** will assume responsibility of **St. Barbara School**, retaining campuses at both the existing St. Therese Chinese school building and the existing St. Barbara school building, under the St. Therese Chinese School leadership and name. The academic program will include expanded early childhood (PreK) at the St. Barbara campus with PreK - 8 at both sites pending enrollment. School leadership structure will consist of one principal with two administrators - one at each site. The school will be led by the current St. Therese Chinese School principal. The current St. Barbara principal will serve as an administrator at St. Barbara campus and will remain involved in leadership decisions. St. Barbara faculty and staff will be given priority status in filling positions at the expanded St. Therese Chinese School.

### **Next Steps**

Over the next few months, the archdiocese will work with the excellent pastoral leadership of the faith communities of each parish to ensure an orderly and smooth transition to the new structures. All parishes of the grouping will embark upon the next phase of the renewal process to become a stronger, more sustainable presence for the future capable of reaching more people in their work of making disciples of Jesus Christ.



## 更新我的教會：Bridgeport/Canaryville/Chinatown “BCC” 分組最新訊息 2019年1月19日

更新我的教會 BCC 分組包括 All Saints - St. Anthony 堂區， Nativity of Our Lord 堂區， Bridgeport 天主教學校， St. Barbara 堂區和學校， St. Gabriel 堂區和學校， St. Jerome 克羅地亞堂區和學校， Santa Lucia-Santa Maria Incoronata 堂區和學校， St. Mary of Perpetual Help 堂區， 以及 St. Therese 聖德力華人天主教堂和學校。

### 識別過程

於 2018 年 11 月， Cupich 樞機主教要求進一步討論及諮詢對於 All Saints - St. Anthony, St. Barbara, St. Mary of Perpetual Help, St. Therese 聖德力堂區和總教區華人牧靈中心的協商。隨後對四個堂區未來的最佳及可持續結構進行了進一步的洞察和對話。

### 決策

在過去的幾個星期裡， Cupich 樞機主教， Robert Casey 主教和芝加哥教區神職恣意會開會討論了在延伸期間收集的額外意見。在這些討論和虔誠考慮的基礎上，對堂區結構做出了最終決定。

- 聖德力 St. Therese 和 St. Barbara 合并起來形成一個新堂區，自 2019 年 7 月 1 日起生效。兩座教堂仍然是新堂區的主要崇拜場所。聖德力學校是堂區學校。李東平神父 Fr. Francis Li 將成為新堂區的本堂神父，並將與 Fr. Marat 一起確保有效及平穩地過渡到新的堂區模式。大主教管區將繼續與社區合作，探索對於華人牧靈中心的擴展。
- All Saints - St. Anthony 和 St. Mary of Perpetual Help 合并起來，形成一個新的堂區，自 2019 年 7 月 1 日起生效。St. Mary of Perpetual Help 繼續作為新堂區的崇拜場所。All Saints - St. Anthony 教堂將於 2020 年 6 月 30 日之前關閉。Thomas Aschenbrenner 神父將成為新堂區的本堂神父並將與 McQuinn 神父一起確保有效及平穩地過渡到新的堂區模式，包括輔助所有 All Saints - St. Anthony 西班牙裔信徒融入新的堂區。
- 此外，Cupich 樞機主教，大主教管區領導和天主教學校辦公室共同確認了 11 月宣布的決定：**St. Therese 聖德力學校將承擔 St. Barbara 學校的責任**，現有的聖德力學校校舍與 St. Barbara 學校校園，隸屬於聖德力學校領導的管理模式及學校名稱。學術課程將包括在 St. Barbara 校園擴展幼兒班 (PreK) 和在兩個校園幼兒班至八年級的有待入學註冊。學校領導結構將由一名校長和兩名行政人員 (每校園一名) 組成。學校將由現任聖德力學校校長領導。現任 St. Barbara 校長將擔任 St. Barbara 校園的行政員，並將繼續參與領導決策。St. Barbara 的現有教職員工將在新擴展聖德力學校獲得優先填補職位。

### 下一步

在接下來的幾個月裡，大主教管區將與每個堂區信仰團體的優秀教牧領導一起工作，以確保有序及平穩地過渡到新的結構。所有分組堂區都將開始更新過程的下一階段，成為未來更強大，更可持續發展，能夠讓更多的人接觸耶穌基督門徒的工作。