

ArchSeattle Planning Projects

Central-Southeast Seattle Deanery Project in 1982 involved extensive research and self-study in each of the parishes in what is now the South Seattle Deanery and seriously considered closing St. Patrick's or giving it to the Koreans. In the end, the lasting contribution of this study was the Rainbow Schools that were born because the highest priority among those attending the very large and vigorous convocations was saving the Catholic schools. The Rainbow Schools initiative did that.

1986 Career Ministers Policy Project

Resulted in creation of Human Resources Office and identified a position whereby a deacon or lay person could be entrusted the care of a parish (c.517) – leading to PLDs.

1990 You are the Branches

Publication of Policy and Guidelines for Consultative Structures but also described different parish leadership structures, e.g. Presbyteral teams, moderators, pastor of more than one parish, etc.

1991 Promoting Viable Faith Communities Project

Identified possible clusters in each of the deaneries and led to some clusters currently in place today (e.g. Skagit, Aberdeen, south Seattle cluster, etc.)

1997 Updated Clusters

Clusters reviewed and updated

2003 North Seattle School Study

Resulted in two dozen recommendations but none were implemented.

2015 Parish Planning Project

Current project underway