

Hello people of God who make up the Lower Eastside of Detroit Family of Parishes. After meeting many of you at Masses throughout the family over the last two weekends, I have come to realize that there is some confusion about the priest team that will pastor all the parishes of the family. Fr. Richard Baumann, Fr. David Pruess and I have been assigned as the In-Solidum team of priests pastoring all the parishes of the Lower Eastside of Detroit Family of Parishes. That means that all three of us have the rights and responsibilities of a pastor in each parish of the family. In addition, I have been named Moderator of the In-Solidum team of priests. That means that I am responsible for bringing the team together to discern in prayer how the pastoral responsibilities will be split between us. In addition, as Moderator, I will be the canonical and civil representative to the Archdiocese and civil authorities. All major decisions regarding any of the parishes will need to be made together as the priest-in-solidum team.

After Fr. Richard arrives in August, I will meet with him and Fr. David, and we will pray and decide together how the day-to-day pastoral care and administration for each of the parishes will be handled. This will allow us to offer our different gifts to best take care of the needs of the people of God in the family. Please be patient with us as we figure all of this out, especially considering that Fr. Richard and I are both brand new to the family. Also, you can expect an introduction letter from me in the next week or so.

Peace and Love in Christ,

Fr. Chris Talbot

In-Solidum Priest, Moderator

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