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## GLOSSARY:

AOH	Stands for Archdiocese of Hartford.
Archbishop	The title of a bishop with jurisdiction over an archdiocese, which is the principal see (diocese) of a large geographic region. The Archbishop governs the archdiocese as an authentic successor of the apostles.
Archdiocese	A very large geographic region under the jurisdiction of an Archbishop. The Archdiocese of Hartford is divided into three vicariates: Hartford, New Haven, and Waterbury. Each vicariate is presided over by an episcopal vicar, who serves as the Archbishop's representative in the area. Vicariates are further divided into deaneries, made up of parishes and other ecclesiastical institutions. Each deanery is presided over by a dean, which is a canonical position held by a priest who holds limited authority over the pastoral activities of the deanery.
Canon Law	The law of the Catholic Church, which is different than, yet ceded by, civic law (federal, state, and/or local).
Church	In Pastoral Planning, the term "church" refers to the building, which serves as the primary worship space of a parish, as opposed to the (Roman Catholic) "Church," which is the only Christian religious denomination directly descended from the apostles and presided over by the Pope, who also serves as the Bishop of Rome.
Deanery	The organization of parishes into a geographic area, from which a pastor is appointed to the Presbyteral Council, as well as a forum for priests to provide consultation to the Archbishop and for communications between priests.
Diocese	A territorial division of the Church comprised of all the Catholics living in a specific geographic region.
Evangelii Gaudium	An apostolic exhortation written by Pope Francis and published in 2013 delineating the Holy Father's view on the church's primary mission of evangelization for the modern world.
Evangelization	The duty of every Christian to proclaim the Word of God, not just in words, but most especially in action, so as to draw others into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.
Parish	Community of Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church or churches whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor under the authority of the diocesan bishop. ( <i>Canon 515</i> )  A parish may include an array of pastoral ministries, such as solo or shared Hispanic/Latino ministry, Catholic school, hospital and nursing homes, shrines, chaplaincy, archdiocesan office assignment, and other responsibilities. Parishes



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with multiple churches operate with a unified pastoral council, unified staff, and a unified budget. Depending on the community and/or ministries of the parish, it may be staffed with one or more Associates or Senior Priests. It also may operate under the administrative control of a lay minister or deacon.

Pastoral Planning	The act and process of discernment of what God desires for, or of, a parish and/or Archdiocese, described in documents, structures, and plans. Strategic planning is what you or I desire for, and of, a parish and/or the Archdiocese.
Presbyteral	A governance body of priests that assists the Archbishop.
Stewards	People who assume the responsibility of caring for another person's property, well-being, etc.
Stewards for Tomorrow	The "brand name" adopted by the Archdiocese of Hartford for the work of Pastoral Planning.
SWOT	Stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.
Vicariate	The largest geographic division in a diocese (see "archdiocese").
Your Voice Counts Survey	On-line and hard copy pastoral planning survey distributed to 180,000 households.

### **What are the basics of the pastoral plan?**

As of June 29, 2017, there will be 127 parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford, instead of the current 212.

68 parishes will remain as they are;

144 parishes will be involved in mergers resulting in 59 new parishes. The mergers will involve unions of two to six parishes.

186 church buildings will remain open.

26 church buildings will close, inasmuch as regularly scheduled Masses will no longer be held in them.