

Transition Checklist Checklist for **Parish**:



Announcement of Change at the parish – normally made by current pastor/pastoral leader: Announcement of departing pastor/pastoral leader to parish staff When?
Announcement of departing pastor/pastoral leader to parish leadership
How? Letter Email Meeting
When?
Announcement of departing pastor/pastoral leader to parishioners
How? Letter Email Weekend Masses
When?
Letter of introduction of new pastor/pastoral leader in parish bulletin.
When?

Parish staff and leadership:

- _____ Bulletin/website announcements regarding leaving of departing and coming of new pastor/ pastoral leader for several weeks
- Plan farewell celebration of departing pastor/pastoral leader
 - When? _____
 - What? _____
- Parish gift for departing pastor/pastoral leader? Do parishioners contribute to it, and, if so, how?
- _____ Review of rectory condition. Updating needed? If so, when?
- _____ Review of procedures during transition time:
 - _____ Emergencies after hours
 - _____ Handling of money, check signing, etc.
 - _____ Locking and unlocking buildings for events
 - Discussion as to better ways of doing things
- Departing pastor/pastoral leader meets with parish staff to discuss transition questions Incoming pastor/pastoral leader possibly meets with parish staff (once)
- _____ Diocesan official possibly meets with parish staff (usually if change in type of leadership)
- _____ Review of rectory and church items which belong to parish and those which belong to departing pastor/pastoral leader
 - Who reviews with departing pastor/pastoral leader?
- _____ Update documentation of rectory furnishings belonging to parish
- By whom? _____
- Coordination of payroll dates between new/old parishes for outgoing and incoming pastor/pastoral leader by parish bookkeeper
- Updating of insurance and retirement for new pastor/pastoral leader by parish bookkeeper, secretary or business manager