



St. Christine Church
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Dear Parishioners of St. Christine and Holy Cross,

As the merge of our two parishes approaches, many of you are wondering about two related questions: (1) How will your membership in the new parish be established, and (2) What about your church envelopes and contributions? After consulting with the Merge Transition Team, made up of parishioners and staff from both parishes, we decided upon the following answers to these questions.

First, everyone from each parish will *automatically* become a member of Our Lady of the Lake Parish on February 21, 2010. Although it is likely that the new parish will conduct a census of some sort after it is established, that census need not be done immediately. We will simply combine the data files from both parishes into one new database.

It is our hope that everyone will look forward to being part of the new parish, but we realize that some of you may choose to go elsewhere. If that is what you decide, please fill out and return the enclosed postcard before February 13th by placing in the Holy Cross or St. Christine collection basket, dropping it off at one of the rectories or stamping it and putting it in the US Mail. When we receive that card, we will know *not* to include you in our new parish data base. We will also notify the parish of your choice of your intention to register there.

Second, beginning February 21st and thereafter, everyone is asked to continue using the church envelopes you are currently receiving. We will continue to track your contributions through your use of these envelopes. It takes a little while to establish an account with an envelope company for the new parish, but we will be working to make that happen as soon as possible. Once you begin receiving new envelopes from Our Lady of the Lake Parish, you should discontinue the use of your old envelopes.

From February 21st on, any contributions by check to the church should be made out to Our Lady of the Lake Church.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either St. Christine or Holy Cross Rectory. Thanks for your cooperation. We hope you find this communication helpful.

Sincerely,

Fr. Joe Fortuna, Administrator
and the Merge Transition Team