

Intro to Parishioners for Preservation of Holy Angels Parish

How is Beacons affecting our parish? How is Beacons affecting you? How will it affect our future?

- Loss of local control ; decisions not made for and by HA, but for “new parish”
- Do we want a parish council and a finance committee where only one-fourth of the members are from Holy Angels?
- Financial contributions are not retained , but collected & dispersed by the “new parish.”
- Do we want the money of Holy Angels combined with the money of three other parishes?
- No priest is responsible for each church which is resulting in distancing of relationship between priests/people
- Will there be fewer ordinations due to loss of interactive role models with priests?
- Will extinction of our parish help us to evangelize better or further diminish the spiritual life of our former parish members?
- Will HA be a subsidiary church? Will it be easier to close a subsidiary church?
- There are unanswered questions. How experimental is Beacons? Do we have any evidence it will deliver on it’s “promises”? What happens 10 or 20 years into a diocesan plan like this?

If you are concerned, check out:

<https://preserveholiangelsparish.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/PreserveHolyAngelsParish>

Learn more: <https://saveourparishes.org>

The purpose of the Parishioners for the Preservation of Holy Angels Parish is to preserve Holy Angels Parish in Sidney, Ohio from extinction and to deepen the Catholic faith and devotion of the people of Holy Angels so as to more effectively evangelize.

Extinction is the canonical term for the process planned for us as we merge into one canonical parish. **MERGER-** two or more former parishes unite to become a single new parish; **all previous parishes become extinct.** That definition is from the Beacons website: You can read more about it here: <https://pathway.catholicaoc.org/modification-of-parishes/modification>

According to Canon Law, the Catholic Church provides a process allowing faithful Catholics to express their concerns and to request an appeal if they believe it is harmful to their parish and parishioners for their parish to become extinct. **We have not seen evidence of a just cause and therefore oppose the extinction of our parish as a matter of principle.**

Canon Law and the Catechism of the Catholic Church state: “According to the knowledge, competence, and prestige which [the laity] possess, they have the right and even at times the duty to manifest to the sacred pastors their opinion on matters which pertain to the good of the Church and to make their opinion known to the rest of the Christian faithful, without prejudice to the integrity of faith and morals, with reverence toward their pastors, and attentive to common advantage and the dignity of persons.” (Canon 212 §3, CCC 907)

What can you do? Stay connected. Become informed. Share with others.

As a parishioner, you have the right and the responsibility to share your concerns.

Go to website; sign mandates & then forward to others.

Take the initiative. Email or tell others about preserving our parish.

Follow/ like us on Facebook/ social media.

Write a letter; copy to procurator; talk with parish council/finance committee; Pathway Team.

Canon 1572- Supreme Law of the Church: “The salvation of souls which must always be the supreme law in the Church, is to be kept before one’s eyes.”