



**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
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Dear MLF Volunteers,

We were notified in April 2016 of a change in structure by MLF Austin. At this time, they will be focusing on activities occurring in the Austin area and no longer administratively supporting the truck operations in the outlying cities. While it is disappointing to hear, we can understand MLF Austin's change in focus due to the time consuming project of Community First. Community First! Village is a 27-acre master-planned community providing affordable, sustainable housing and a supportive community for the disabled, chronically homeless in central Texas (see their website: www.mlf.org).

Based on this notice, our St. Francis of Assisi chapter of MLF will need to make some important decisions. In order to remain a non-profit organization, we see the following options:

1. Become a ministry within the structure of St. Francis of Assisi and the Archdiocese
2. Form a new 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a new name (Austin is retaining the name Mobile Loaves & Fishes)
3. Join forces with an existing non-profit organization

We are currently exploring all of these options. If you have input on this decision, we welcome your comments at mlfnw@sfasat.org. Several members of the MLF Core team are conducting meetings and discussions to gather information to assist the Core team in making this very important decision. If you would like to participate in that process, you may call the MLF Core team at 210-249-1570 or Julie Mellin at 210-416-4536.

One thing remains very clear - *we intend to keep our truck and continue our ministry of assisting those in need and will work to find the structure that best supports that mission.*

God bless you all and please pray for us as we work through the options.

MLF Core Team