



VERSION 4.5.1 RELEASE NOTES

These release notes keep you informed about the latest features and changes available in Release v4.5.1 of ParishSOFT Family Suite and ParishSOFT Diocesan Suite.

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ParishSOFT Family Suite

What's New

Family Directory

In a previous release, we added an option (see illustration below) that gave users who were updating a family's Family Group status to **Active** the ability to change the status of all (except deceased) family members to **Active**.



However, during the update, the system overlooked family members whose status was set to **Unknown**. We corrected this oversight. Any family member whose status is set to **Unknown** is also changed to **Active**.

"All" Option Added to Years Dropdown List in Giving History

When accessing a family's giving history from **Family Details**, you can now view their giving data across multiple years by selecting the newly added **All** option from the **Years** dropdown list:



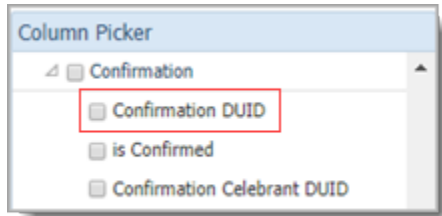
Note

To access a family's giving history from within Family Details, select the [Giving History](#) link at the bottom of the **Family Details** tab (to the right of the **Annual Gift \$** field).

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DUID Column Added for Each Sacrament

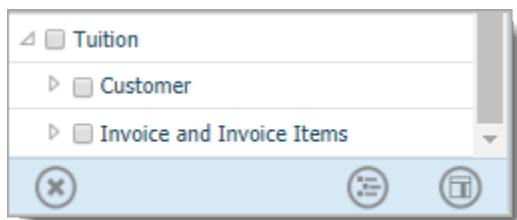
Each sacrament group in the **Column Picker** features a sacrament DUID column, as illustrated below:



The column name contains an identifier or DUID that uniquely identifies the sacrament (for example, **Baptism DUID** and **Confirmation DUID**) and corresponds to the **DioUniqueID** field in the sacrament's table. Users can pull data from the sacrament DUID column to find specific sacrament records and to locate duplicate sacrament records.

Tuition Group Added to Column Picker

You can now build queries that extract your organization's Tuition data by selecting columns in the newly added **Tuition** group in the **Column Picker**:



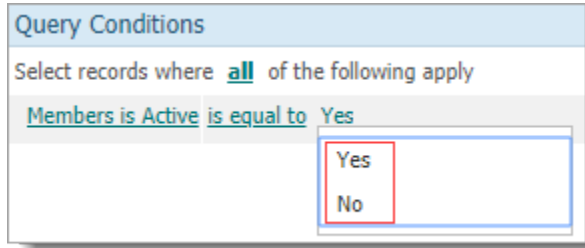
After you run a query, results are shown in the **Query Results** panel under selected column headings. If desired, you can export results to a **.csv** file and use them as a data source for mail merges.

A column's data type determines how values in the column are displayed. Any column that has a **Yes/No** data type (for example, **Is Deduction**) displays values differently, depending on where they appear, specifically:

- **Yes/No**: when displayed as a query condition.
- Checkbox: (selected) = Yes; (deselected) = No when displayed in query results.
- **True/False**: when exported to a **.csv** file and used in mail merges.

Values for “Member Is Active” Query Condition Changed to Yes/No

Previously for the **Member Is Active** column, numeric values were used to represent query conditions, that is, **1** (meaning Yes) and **0** (meaning No). As shown below, when applied as a condition, the numeric values were replaced with their easier-to-understand text equivalents: **Yes** (1) and **No** (0):



“Member Only Email Address” Column Added to Column Picker

The **Member Only Email Address** column was added the **Members > Contact Info** group in the **Column Picker**. When added to a query, this column can help you locate specific member email addresses and even determine which member records are missing the email address.

After you run a query, results are shown in the **Query Results** panel under the **Member Only Email Address** column header. If no data is displayed in the column, it means no email address was found.

“Generate Email Address List” Command Now Works for Ministry Scheduler

Previously, users experienced an error when attempting to generate a list of ministers’ email addresses. We fixed this issue. The **Generate Email Address List** command now successfully produces a list of email address when run against the **Ministry Scheduler > EMailAddress** column in the query results set.

Next-of-Kin Contact Information Added

Now you can design queries that pull next-of-kin contact information from your family records by selecting these columns, added under **Sacraments** in the **Next Kin Address > Death** group:

- **Address 1**
- **Address 2**
- **City**
- **State Postal Code**
- **Phone Number**
- **Email Address**

After you run a query, results are shown in the **Query Results** panel under the selected column headings. If desired, you can export results to a **.csv** file and use them as a data source for mail merges.

New Member Details Columns Added to Column Picker

Columns were added to the **Column Picker** to enable you to pull information from these Member Details fields in Family Directory:

- **Envelope #** (top of main form)
- **Send?** (top of main form)
- **Member Notes (General tab)**
- **Pager (Contact tab)**
- **Fax (Contact tab)**
- **Student Notes (Religious Ed. tab)**
- **Leader Notes (Religious Ed. tab)**
- **Member Strengths (Misc. tab)**

Resolved Issues

Mail Merge

“Object Reference” Error for Mail Merge Resolved

Previously if the system could not find the last uploaded or opened document, the user experienced an ‘Object Reference’ error. We fixed this issue.

Family Directory

Merged Sacrament Certificates Now Show Name of Parish

Previously, the name of the parish of the sacrament was sometimes missing from merged sacrament certificates. We fixed this issue.

Blank Page Removed from Ministry Tab in Member Details

Previously, the system sometimes inserted a blank page marked “No Ministry Information Found” between pages on a multi-page **Ministry** tab. We fixed this issue by removing the multi-page tab layout. All ministries are now displayed on the face of the **Ministry** tab.

Offering

Edited Pledge Records Associated with Closed Batches No Longer Removed

Previously if the user edited a pledge record associated with a closed batch, the system removed the record from the batch after the user saved the changes. We fixed this issue.

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“starts with” Search Condition No Longer Produces Error

Queries that apply the **starts with** condition to the **Contributions > Total Contributions** column no longer produce an ‘Incorrect Syntax’ error.

“contains” Search Condition No Longer Produces Error

Queries that apply the **contains** condition to the **Contributions > Total Contributions** column no longer produce a ‘Query Execution’ error.

Queries Pulling Data from the ZipPlus and MailingZipPlus Columns Longer Produce Errors

Queries that pull information from the **ZipPlus** or **MailingZipPlus** column (located in the **Organization > Contact Info** group) no longer produce an error.

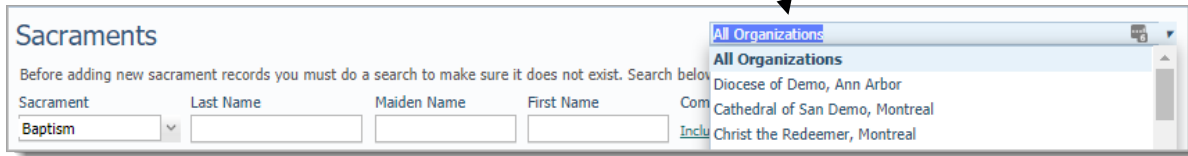
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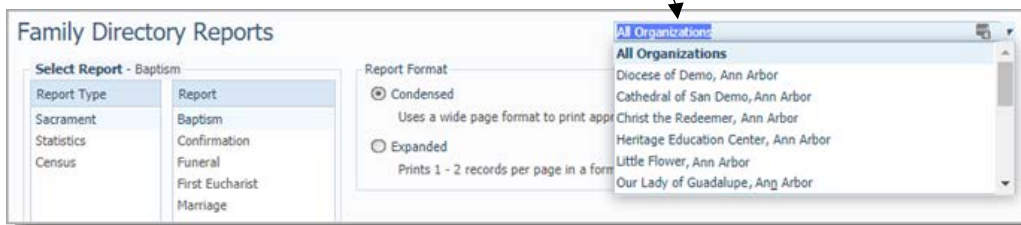
“All Organizations” View of Sacrament Data Now Loads Faster

Diocesan users will now experience noticeably faster load times of sacrament data when selecting the **All Organizations** option from the Organization dropdown list:



“All Organizations” Option Added to the Organization Dropdown List for Sacrament Reports

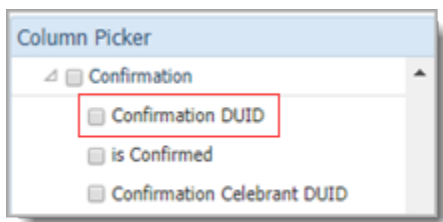
Diocesan users can now generate sacrament reports for all parishes in the diocese by selecting **All Organizations** from the Organization dropdown list:



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Secondary Acknowledgement Columns Added

The following columns were added to the **Pledges > Secondary Acknowledgement** group in the **Column Picker**:

- **Last Name**
- **First Names**
- **Mailing Name**
- **Formal Salutation**
- **Informal Mailing Name**
- **Informal Salutation**

These columns enable you to pull names of individuals and families that are selected as secondary acknowledgements on the DDM pledge form.

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Resolved Issues

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Column Name Is Not Valid Error Resolved

Queries that include the **Are Designations Percentages** column (in the **Pledges** group) as a result column or applied as a condition no longer produce the following error:

Column Name Is Not Valid

Contacting ParishSOFT

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