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## **News Briefing on “Together in Faith,” Strategic 5-Year Plan for Parishes and Schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit**

**Time:** 11 a.m.  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 29, 2006  
**Place:** Sacred Heart Major Seminary  
2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit

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At a News Briefing Wednesday, March 29, Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, unveils “Together in Faith,” a strategic plan for the parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The plan articulates future goals, which the cardinal describes as *The Big Three*—Mission-mindedness, Leadership Development, and Stewardship. Due to shifting population and a shortage of priests, the five-year plan also calls for closures, mergers and clusters (groupings of two or more parishes that will share a priest as their pastor).

The 18 vicariates (geographical groupings of parishes) and an ad-hoc consultative committee were crucial in the development of “Together in Faith.” The process, according to Cardinal Maida, “has truly been a ‘work in progress,’ inspired by the Holy Spirit and successful because of the integrity, generosity, and diligence of vicars, pastors, principals, and parishioners all across the Detroit archdiocese.”

Clergy, religious, and laypeople involved in the planning process joined Cardinal Maida for the announcement. More information on the “Together in Faith” announcement can be found at 12 noon on Wednesday, March 29, on the Archdiocese of Detroit web site at [www.AODonline.org](http://www.AODonline.org). Questions relating to schools or parishes can be directed to [TogetherInFaith@aod.org](mailto:TogetherInFaith@aod.org) or to 313-237-5971.

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