

June 5, 2009

Fr. Norm Nawrocki  
St. Regis Parish  
3695 Lincoln Drive  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301-4055



Dear Fr. Nawrocki,

In February you and representatives from the Birmingham/Bloomfield/Troy Vicariate Pastoral Council met with a member of the Tracking Committee to discuss your progress in the Together In Faith planning process. Each Tracking Committee member then wrote a summary of their meetings, which was sent to the entire committee. We discussed all of the vicariates at our May meeting and identified specific items that we would like each vicariate to address, and some issues that affect all vicariates.

Despite being one of the smallest vicariates in the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Birmingham/Bloomfield/Troy vicariate parishes are to be commended for collaborating in several areas. Young Adults act as mentors to high school age youth, and the Youth Ministry Coordinators are developing a variety of programs. Several Retreats for RCIA Coordinators, Catechists, and Priests with Pastoral Staff are planned, as well as general adult faith formation opportunities. The Peace and Justice Committee is responding to homelessness and poverty, elderly shut-ins, the un- and underemployed, and it is encouraging the vicariate parishes to sponsor a Habitat for Humanity blitz this year. The vicariate website will be active soon and will improve communication between and among parishes.

Since your original Together In Faith plan was submitted in 2006, your vicariate has talked about collaborating and possibly merging with the South East Oakland Vicariate. We know that some ministries are already collaborating, and the Tracking Committee believes the time has come for these vicariates to merge, by July 2009. In addition, we ask that the cluster of St. Alan and St. Columban conduct an evaluation by Fall 2009, to assess the cluster relationship, and its future. Finally, although several of the parishes in your vicariate are very large, every parish in the newly merged vicariate will need to identify another parish with which they will cluster or collaborate with, particularly in the event of the retirement, illness or reassignment of a pastor. Please submit a complete list by Fall, 2009.

We thank you for your commitment to the Together In Faith process and continuing to collaborate for more effective ministry in support of the parishes, schools and institutions within the vicariate. Please share this information with the vicariate pastoral council, and be prepared to provide the Tracking Committee with an update by Fall 2009.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Miller  
Chair  
Archdiocesan Tracking Committee

cc: Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron  
Msgr. John Zenz