

June 5, 2009

Fr. Andrew Wesley  
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Dear Fr. Wesley,

In February you and representatives from the Genesis 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.

We want to encourage the vicariate Youth Ministers to find areas of collaboration, as well as the Young Adult Ministers. These two areas appear to be the only ministerial programming being pursued on a vicariate level, and we look forward to an update. Clustering and Merging seems to have met with mixed success. We are encouraged to hear of the successful mergers of: Transfiguration-Our Lady Help of Christians, with a possible future cluster or merger with St. Ladislaus; Ascension/St. Clement; St. Theresa of Avila, and the discussions between St. Cletus and Our Lady of Grace Vietnamese parish; St. Sylvester and St. Edmund, and the cluster of St. Raymond and Our Lady of Good Counsel with Our Lady Queen of Heaven. We would appreciate updates about these transitions in Fall 2009. All of the other parishes need to identify a parish with which they will cluster or collaborate with in some way, particularly in the event of the retirement, illness or reassignment of a pastor. Please submit a complete list by Fall, 2009. An ad hoc committee should be formed to study the issues related to buildings and physical plants. In these extremely challenging economic times it is important that the vicariate develop a collaborative plan which includes ways to financially support the Catholic Schools by December 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  
Bishop Daniel Flores