

June 5, 2009

Fr. Gary Michalik
Fr. Denis Theroux
Northwest Wayne Vicariate



Dear Co-Vicars,

In January you and representatives from the Northwest Wayne 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 commend the work and increased communication within and between the Quadrants in your vicariate. In particular, the Reconciliation Services, shared/rotating Masses, the Encounter Youth program and shared Young Adult events, Evangelization programming, increased Stewardship activities, and a budget all have agreed to. We look forward to updates on these various collaborative efforts in the Fall 2009. In these extremely challenging economic times it is important that the vicariate develop a collaborative plan which includes ways to financially support Catholic Schools by December 2009, particularly with the closing of St. Dunstan and St. Sabina elementary schools.

We look forward to hearing how cluster plans progress, and how cluster partners continue to discuss areas of collaboration. Although there are several very large parishes in your vicariate, every parish needs to identify another 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.

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 Francis Reiss