

June 5, 2009

Fr. Donald Archambault
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Dear Fr. Archambault,

In February you and representatives from the Trinity 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 of the Trinity Vicariate Pastoral Council Committees, particularly in their support of lay leadership, Young Adult Ministry, Outreach, Evangelization and financial support of Catholic Schools. We encourage you to revisit these goals, including follow up or next steps once the VPC has hosted a speaker presentation on a topic. In these extremely challenging economic times it is important that the vicariate develop a collaborative plan which includes ways to support Catholic Schools in addition to financially by December 2009, including a review of whether or not all Catholic Schools can, or should, remain open.

In addition to developing a plan for serving God's people, the vicariate should develop a plan that focuses on strategic planning for parish locations, with less reliance on keeping all church buildings open and operational in their present form. We recognize that many of the Trinity Vicariate parishes have experienced a transition since Together In Faith planning began. However every parish in the vicariate needs 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
Bishop Francis Reiss