

BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY SUMMARY OF PARISH CLUSTERS IN THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Bishop Richard Lennon sent a letter on February 5, 2007 to each parish indicating its cluster configuration. The accompanying list summarizes all parish clusters at this time.

SOME OF THE KEY POINTS NOTED IN BISHOP LENNON'S LETTER

GRATITUDE

Bishop Lennon expressed his gratitude for the impressive amount of work and deliberation given this discernment of parish clusters by pastors and parish leaders throughout the Diocese. He is pleased with the many excellent pastoral insights parishes expressed in their cluster proposals. He also expressed appreciation for the extensive amount of time and care given to the review process by the *Vibrant Parish Life – Phase II* Committee and by members of the Diocesan staff.

CHURCH PRESENCE AND PASTORAL CARE

Individual parishes were notified of their cluster configuration with a statement from the Bishop in which he conveyed his hope that *parishes would receive this cluster grouping as an organizational framework to strengthen the unity and presence of the Catholic Church and provide pastoral care in an equitable manner.*

CRITERIA USED IN FORMING CLUSTERS

At meetings held during Lent of 2006, parish leaders received a list of objective and subjective criteria to use in discerning cluster proposals which were to be submitted to the diocese by October 1, 2006. From October through January of 2007, parish proposals were carefully studied in light of these criteria in the diocesan review process by the *Vibrant Parish Life – Phase II* Committee, Bishop Lennon and his staff. Further consideration was given to issues of pastoral and fiscal soundness, the common good of the Church, and forming clusters that will work.

Criteria included parish clusters typically with 2-6 parishes and a minimum of about 2000 households; manageable geography; sacramental needs; workload; neighborhood needs; shared mission and workable fit; existing relationships; common history; and capacity for cluster work.

Almost every parish is clustered with at least one of the parishes named in its proposals, if not several or all the parishes named.

NEXT STEPS

Pastors have been asked to share the Bishop's letter with the parish subcommittee responsible to discern cluster proposals, the parish pastoral council, finance council and pastoral staff, as well as with parishioners, realizing a final decision on all clusters will be made by April 30th.

Pastors and parish leaders may request further consideration before the clusters are finalized by contacting Bishop Lennon's office with a written summary of their concerns by March 2.

Bishop Lennon will send a letter in March to describe steps in selecting parish representatives to serve on cluster planning teams and the training schedule for these teams.

In early May, Bishop Lennon will send a letter which will finalize all clusters, identify significant issues and challenges that will need to be addressed in certain clusters, and describe the next steps in the process.

Summary of Clusters as Presented By Bishop Lennon February 5, 2007

These are the cluster groupings presented in letters sent to parishes by Bishop Lennon on February 5, 2007. Following his review of any further considerations from parishes, Bishop Lennon will make a final decision on all clusters by April 30, 2007. Clusters are listed within the Thirteen Diocesan Districts. In some cases parishes are clustered with parishes located in different districts. In these cases, the present listings are arbitrarily placed and do not assume any change in district membership or parish status.

Cleveland Central East District

Cathedral of St. John St. Peter Conversion of St. Paul	St. Vitus Immaculate Conception St. Andrew St. George St. Francis St. Paul Croatian	St. Adalbert St. Agnes – Our Lady of Fatima St. Aloysius – St. Agatha St. Philip Neri
St. Jerome St. Mary Holy Redeemer Our Lady of Perpetual Help		

Other Central East Parish: St. Casimir – See Cleveland Southeast District

Cleveland Central West District

Sagrada Familia Our Lady of Mt. Carmel St. Colman St. Stephen St. Procop	Community of St. Malachi St. Malachi St. Patrick St. Wendelin	St. Augustine St. John Cantius Our Lady of Mercy St. Andrew Kim
St. Barbara Blessed Sacrament St. Boniface St. Michael the Archangel St. Rocco		

Other Central West District Parish: St. Emeric – See Hungarian Cluster on last page

Cleveland Northwest District

Our Lady of Angels St. Patrick – West Park Ascension Annunciation	St. Mark St. Mel St. Vincent De Paul St. Ignatius SS. Philip and James	St. Thomas More – Brooklyn Our Lady of Good Counsel Corpus Christi St. Leo the Great St. Charles Borromeo - Parma
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Other Northwest District Parish: St. Rose – See Suburban West District

Cleveland Southeast District

St. Hyacinth Our Lady of Lourdes St. Stanislaus St. Casimir	St. John Nepomucene Sacred Heart of Jesus Immaculate Heart of Mary St. Lawrence Holy Name	St. Catherine St. Timothy St. Henry
Epiphany St. Cecilia Our Lady of Peace		

Other Southeast District Parish: St. Elizabeth of Hungary – See Hungarian Cluster on last page

Suburban East District

St. Paul – Euclid St. Christine – Euclid St. William – Euclid St. Felicitas – Euclid St. Robert – Euclid Holy Cross – Euclid	St. Clare – Lyndhurst St. Paschal Baylon – Highland Hts.	St. Francis of Assisi – Gates Mills St. Anselm – Chesterland
Holy Rosary – Cleveland St. Gregory the Great – S. Euclid St. Margaret Mary – S. Euclid	Christ the King – E. Cleveland St. Ann – Cleveland Hts. St. Louis – Cleveland Hts. St. Philomena – E. Cleveland	Gesu – University Hts. St. Dominic – Shaker Hts.

Suburban Southeast District

SS. Peter & Paul – Garfield Hts. St. Therese – Garfield Hts. St. Monica – Garfield Hts. St. Martin of Tours – Maple Hts.	St. Mary – Bedford St. Pius X – Bedford Holy Trinity – Bedford Hts. St. Wenceslas – Maple Hts.	Resurrection – Solon St. Rita – Solon SS. Cosmas & Damian – Twinsburg
St. Joan of Arc – Chagrin Falls Holy Angels – Bainbridge		

Other Suburban Southeast Parishes:

- St. Margaret of Hungary, Orange Village – See Hungarian Cluster on last page
- St. Barnabas, Northfield and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Macedonia – See Summit North District

Lake – Geauga District

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Wickliffe Immaculate Conception – Willoughby	St. Justin Martyr – Eastlake St. Mary Magdalene – Willowick	Divine Word – Kirtland St. Noel – Willoughby Hills
St. Bede the Venerable – Mentor St. John Vianney – Mentor St. Mary – Mentor	St. Anthony – Fairport Harbor St. Mary – Painesville	St. Gabriel – Concord St. Mary – Chardon
Immaculate Conception – Madison St. Cyprian – Perry St. Patrick – Thompson	St. Edward – Parkman St. Helen – Newbury St. Lucy – Middlefield	

Other Lake – Geauga Parish: St. Anselm, Chesterland – See Suburban East District

Suburban West District

St. Adalbert – Berea St. Mary – Berea St. Mary of the Falls – Olmsted Falls	St. Angela Merici – Fairview Park St. Christopher – Rocky River	St. Clement – Lakewood St. James – Lakewood St. Luke – Lakewood SS. Cyril & Methodius – Lakewood St. Hedwig – Lakewood St. Rose – Cleveland
St. Brendan – North Olmsted St. Clarence – North Olmsted St. Richard – North Olmsted	St. Bernadette – Westlake St. Ladislav – Westlake	

Other Suburban West Parish: St. Raphael, Bay Village – See Lorain District

Suburban Southwest District

St. John Neumann – Strongsville St. Joseph – Strongsville	Assumption of Mary – Brook Park St. Peter the Apostle – Brook Park St. Bridget – Parma St. John Bosco – Parma Hts.	St. Basil – Brecksville Assumption – Broadview Hts. St. Matthias – Parma St. Michael – Independence
St. Albert the Great – N. Royalton Our Lady of Grace – Hinckley	St. Bartholomew – Middleburg Hts. Holy Family – Parma	St. Anthony of Padua – Parma St. Columbkille – Parma St. Francis de Sales –Parma
St. Colette – Brunswick St. Ambrose – Brunswick		

Other Suburban Southwest Parish: St. Charles Borromeo, Parma – See Cleveland Northwest District

Lorain District

St. Agnes – Elyria Holy Cross – Elyria St. Jude – Elyria St. Mary – Elyria Sacred Heart – Elyria	SS. Cyril & Methodius – Lorain St. John the Baptist – Lorain Sacred Heart Chapel – Lorain St. Vitus – Lorain St. Vincent de Paul – Lorain	Holy Trinity – Lorain St. Joseph – Lorain St. Ladislaus – Lorain St. Mary – Lorain Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary – Lorain St. Peter – Lorain St. Stanislaus – Lorain
St. Joseph – Amherst Sacred Heart – Oberlin Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary – S. Amherst	Holy Spirit – Avon Lake St. Joseph – Avon Lake St. Raphael – Bay Village	St. Julie Billiart – N. Ridgeville St. Peter – N. Ridgeville
Holy Trinity – Avon St. Mary – Avon	Our Lady Queen of Peace – Grafton St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Columbia Station St. Patrick – Wellington	St. Anthony of Padua – Lorain St. Teresa of Avila – Sheffield Village St. Thomas the Apostle – Sheffield Lake

Summit North District

St. Anthony of Padua – Akron Christ the King – Akron St. Hedwig – Akron St. Martha – Akron	St. Eugene – Cuyahoga Falls Holy Family – Stow Our Lady of Victory – Tallmadge	Immaculate Heart – Cuyahoga Falls St. Joseph – Cuyahoga Falls
St. Mary – Hudson Mother of Sorrows – Peninsula St. Barnabas – Northfield Our Lady of Guadalupe – Macedonia		

Other Summit North Parishes: St. Victor, Richfield and Annunciation, Akron – See Summit South District

Summit South District

St. Hilary – Fairlawn Guardian Angels – Copley St. Victor – Richfield	Annunciation – Akron St. Bernard – Akron St. John the Baptist – Akron St. Mary – Akron Sacred Heart of Jesus – Akron St. Matthew – Akron	Immaculate Conception – Akron St. Augustine – Barberton Holy Trinity – Barberton
St. Sebastian – Akron St. Vincent De Paul – Akron	SS. Cyril & Methodius – Barberton St. George – Clinton St. Andrew the Apostle – Norton SS. Peter & Paul – Doylestown Prince of Peace – Barberton Sacred Heart – Wadsworth	St. Paul – Akron Queen of Heaven – Green Nativity of the Lord Jesus – Akron St. Francis de Sales – Akron

Ashland – Wayne – Medina District

St. Edward – Ashland St. Peter – Loudonville St. Stephen – W. Salem	St. Agnes – Orrville St. Anne – Rittman St. Mary – Wooster	Our Lady Help of Christians – Litchfield – Jesus the Christ Child – Litchfield – Jesus the Divine Redeemer – Chippewa Lake – Jesus Emmanuel – Seville-Creston – Jesus the Good Shepherd – Nova/Savannah – Jesus Our Savior – Spencer – Jesus Our Teacher – Lodi
St. Francis Xavier – Medina Holy Martyrs – Medina St. Martin of Tours – Valley City		

Other Ashland-Wayne-Medina Parishes:

- Our Lady of Grace, Hinckley – See Suburban Southwest District
- Sacred Heart, Wadsworth – See Summit South District

Hungarian Cluster

St. Emeric
St. Elizabeth of Hungary
St. Margaret of Hungary