

Cluster 22 Planning Committee

Holy Cross Parish, South Portland; Saint Bartholomew Parish, Cape Elizabeth; Saint John the Evangelist Parish, South Portland; Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Scarborough

Notes from the June 6, 2006 meeting

Present: Donna Brassard, Beth Carmody, Chris Crawford, Scott Ewing, Bob Falconer, Fr. Michael Gendreau, Msgr. Michael Henchal, Pam Koonz Canarie, Sheila McDonough, Sybil Riemensnider, Dick Sawyer, Michelle Sirois, Kathleen Sparda, Michael Tranfaglia

Absent: Peter Cianchette, Deacon Steve Harnois, Laurie Kelly, Eileen McDonald, Jim Welch, Kathy Williamson

The meeting was held at St. Bartholomew. Msgr. Henchal offered an opening prayer.

Scott noted that the purpose of the meeting was to get feedback and comments/suggestions on the first draft of the Cluster Proposal. Everyone had the opportunity to give their input. Changes were suggested and agreed upon, and Donna will update the proposal with the changes. The most noted change was to include a date/timeline for implementation whenever possible.

Aside from the changes we agreed to make on the document, other discussion included:

- If our Masses are going to be more crowded due to the reduction in the total number of Masses within the cluster per weekend, then we need a better system to provide ushers to help people find seats.
- Eucharistic services (communion services) will not be an option to replace a Mass at this time.
- All commissions and ministries should prepare a needs assessment now. A "parish think tank process" was discussed. We need a 3-5 year strategic plan that outlines the common goals, mission and vision for the cluster that is lived out at the parish level.
- Will we need another cluster-wide meeting?
- Once we have the numbers for the fiscal year ending June 30, we should take the new school funding formula and figure out how much each parish would have paid for their share of the school allocation to see how it will impact budgets in the future.

Next steps:

- The revised proposal will be sent to all committee members for review.
- Our next meeting is Monday, June 19th at 6pm at St. Max's. Dinner will be provided. At this meeting, we will finalize our proposal and the Cluster Planning Committee's work will be done.

Father Mike ended the meeting with a prayer.