

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 April 3, 2006 meeting

Present: Donna Brassard, Beth Carmody, Peter Cianchette, Chris Crawford, Scott Ewing, Bob Falconer, Fr. Michael Gendreau, Deacon Steve Harnois, Msgr. Michael Henchal, Pam Koonz Canarie, Eileen McDonald, Sheila McDonough, Sybil Riemensnider, Dick Sawyer, Michelle Sirois, Kathleen Sparda, Jim Welch, Kathy Williamson

Absent: Fr. James Morrison, Michael Tranfaglia

St. Max's hosted the meeting. Eileen opened the meeting with a reflection reading.

Eileen asked the group to recap feedback on our Informational Forum and on the notes on the concerns and hopes that we gathered at the Forum

- Overall positive response was seen.
- Concerns don't seem to be about a specific mass time or place, but whether they will have access to a mass at all.
- Little reaction to our plans to keep all four churches open—is that because they don't believe us, or because they do believe us?
- The concerns and hopes expressed at the Forum reflect everything we have covered in our planning meetings and in our subcommittee meetings.
- We heard many strong voices advocating the need for more emphasis/importance about lay ministry formation, high school ministry and vocations.

Sybil will email Concerns and Hopes notes to the secretaries of the four churches so that copies may be made available to parishioners, and so that a note can be put in each bulletin to let parishioners know copies are available.

Sheila presented the draft of the mass survey that the Worship subcommittee has prepared. The committee gave her feedback and got clarification on some of the questions for editing. The survey will be distributed during the weekend of April 29/30 in the pews (pencils will be provided). The subcommittee will coordinate this and have members supervising the surveys in each parish that weekend.

Our next item of business was to finalize a cluster model for us to present to the bishop in June. Through lengthy discussion, surveying the group and polling each member, the committee reached a consensus to work on a proposal based on Model 2. This Model is one pastor, one pastoral council, and four parishes.

Scott passed out the outline of what our final proposal to the bishop needs to include. We agreed that the work on each item should be done within the subcommittees. Scott, Dick and Eileen will assign each subcommittee the appropriate items from the list to work on. The subcommittees will meet prior to our next meeting to complete the work on each item.

Our next meeting is May 4 at St. John's from 7 to 9 pm. At that meeting we should have preliminary results of the mass survey, and the subcommittees work to review.