

**South Portland, Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth
Cluster planning questions from Nov 16, 2005 meeting**

What do we want to look like?

- Availability of masses by location
- Catholic presence in the communities
- Support of those in need
- Provision of the sacraments
- Religious education
- Stewardship and availability of resources
- What is parishioners' desired role of priests in a parish? Priests desired role?
- What can be accomplished / improved through collaboration?
- Identify who we are
- What do we (parishioners) fear most through forging ahead with cluster redesign?
- What will each parish retain?

How will we know when we get there?

- Defined, specific measures will reflect a successful outcome(s)
- A fully engaged parish(es) that meet the spiritual and social needs of parishioners
- A Catholic presence in our communities
- Parishioners who feel empowered to take responsibility / actions within the parish(s)
- Parishioners who work together to support their community.

What will it take to get us to our designated point?

Measure the following:

- What are the service needs of each community?
- What are needs of parishioners?
- How does each parish serve its community?
- What are realities of financial picture?
- What are the cherished aspects of each parish?
- How do we define / create a solid foundation as catalyst for flourishing regardless of priest / pastor?
- What are the demographics of each community?
- What other resources are associated with each parish?
- An assessment of stewardship from each parish
- How do we engage parishioners?
- How do we maximize participation of parishioners?
- How do we get parishioners to take responsibility / feel ownership for future of parish (get parishioners to feel like it's their parish and they need to be involved in decision making?)
- Are there current collaborative relationships that need to be considered?