

# Diocese downsizes

In May 2007, the Cleveland Catholic Diocese asked regional groups of parishes to recommend ways to consolidate churches. Bishop Richard Lennon is expected to make final decisions by March 2009. The following list describes the latest committee recommendations from Greater Cleveland churches. Regional groups in Summit County have until Dec. 15 to submit recommendations.

Cluster	Goal	Proposal
<b>CLEVELAND CENTRAL EAST</b>		
St. John Cathedral (established in 1848), St. Peter (1853), Conversion of St. Paul (1931)	No more than one parish	St. Peter and Conversion of St. Paul to consolidate into St. John Cathedral. St. Paul Shrine would no longer be a diocesan parish but likely would be kept open for Masses as a convent church. St. Peter would close.
Immaculate Conception (1865), St. Andrew (1906), St. Francis (1887), St. George (1895), St. Paul (1902), St. Vitus (1893)	No more than three parishes	St. Andrew has closed. St. Francis and St. George to close.
St. Adalbert (1883), St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima (1980), St. Aloysius-St. Agatha (1898), St. Philip Neri (1914)	No more than two parishes	St. Philip Neri has closed. Two scenarios proposed: The first would consolidate the three remaining churches into a new parish at St. Adalbert; the second would close St. Adalbert and keep open St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima and St. Aloysius-St. Agatha.
Holy Redeemer (1924), Our Lady of Perpetual Help (1929), St. Mary (1905), St. Jerome (1919)	No more than three parishes	St. Jerome to merge with Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
<b>CLEVELAND CENTRAL WEST</b>		
Blessed Sacrament (1903), St. Barbara (1905), St. Boniface (1903), St. Michael the Archangel (1883), St. Rocco (1922)	No more than three parishes	Blessed Sacrament and St. Barbara to close.
Community of St. Malachi (1975), St. Malachi (1865), St. Patrick (Bridge Ave.) (1853), St. Wendelin (1903)	No more than two parishes	St. Malachi to merge with St. Patrick. Community of St. Malachi to merge with St. Wendelin.
La Sagrada Familia (1997), Our Lady of Mount Carmel West (1926), St. Colman (1880), St. Procop (1872), St. Stephen (1869)	No more than three parishes	St. Procop and St. Stephen to close.
Our Lady of Mercy (1922), St. Andrew Kim (1988), St. Augustine (1860), St. John Cantius (1898)	No more than three parishes	Our Lady of Mercy to close.
<b>CLEVELAND NORTHWEST</b>		
Annunciation (1924), Ascension (1946), Our Lady of Angels (1922), St. Patrick (Rocky River Drive) (1848)	No more than three parishes	Annunciation to merge with Ascension.
SS. Philip and James (1950), St. Ignatius of Antioch (1902), St. Mark (1945), St. Mel (1945), St. Vincent de Paul (1922)	No more than four parishes	SS. Philip and James to combine with St. Ignatius.
Corpus Christi (1935), Our Lady of Good Counsel (1873), St. Charles Borromeo (Parma) (1923), St. Leo the Great (1948), St. Thomas More (Brooklyn) (1946)	No more than four parishes	Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Good Counsel to merge with St. Leo the Great.
<b>CLEVELAND SOUTHEAST</b>		
Epiphany (1944), Our Lady of Peace (1919), St. Cecilia (1915)	No more than one parish	Two scenarios proposed: One would merge the three churches into a new parish at Our Lady of Peace; the other would keep open Our Lady of Peace and combine Epiphany with St. Cecilia.
Holy Name (1854), Immaculate Heart of Mary (1894), Sacred Heart of Jesus (1888), St. John Nepomucene (1902), St. Lawrence (1901)	No more than three parishes	Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Lawrence to close.
Our Lady of Lourdes (1883), St. Casimir (1891), St. Hyacinth (1906), St. Stanislaus (1873)	No more than two parishes	St. Casimir and St. Hyacinth to close.
<b>CUYAHOGA COUNTY SUBURBAN EAST</b>		
Christ the King (East Cleveland) (1928), St. Ann (Cleveland Heights) (1915), St. Louis (Cleveland Heights) (1947), St. Philomena (East Cleveland) (1902)	No more than two parishes	Christ the King, St. Louis and St. Philomena to merge with St. Ann. Philomena to remain open for worship.
Holy Cross (1924), St. Christine (1925), St. Felicitas (1950), St. Paul (1860), St. Robert Bellarmine (1950), St. William (1946), all in Euclid	No more than four parishes	St. Christine to merge with Holy Cross; St. Robert Bellarmine to merge with St. William; and St. Paul to merge with St. Felicitas.
Holy Rosary (Cleveland) (1892), St. Gregory the Great (South Euclid) (1922), St. Margaret Mary (South Euclid) (1948)	No more than one parish in South Euclid	St. Margaret Mary to merge with St. Gregory the Great. The proposal recommends keeping both buildings and having a weekend Mass at St. Margaret Mary.
<b>CUYAHOGA COUNTY SUBURBAN SOUTHEAST</b>		
Holy Trinity (Bedford Heights) (1965), St. Mary (Bedford) (1910), St. Pius X (Bedford) (1952)	No more than two parishes	Holy Trinity or St. Mary to close or Holy Trinity and St. Mary to merge with St. Pius X.
<b>CUYAHOGA COUNTY SUBURBAN WEST</b>		
SS. Cyril and Methodius (Lakewood) (1903), St. Clement (Lakewood) (1922), St. Hedwig (Lakewood) (1905), St. James (Lakewood) (1908), St. Luke (Lakewood) (1922), St. Rose of Lima (Cleveland) (1899)	No more than four parishes	St. Hedwig, St. Rose and a third church to close. The bishop will decide between St. Clement, SS. Cyril and Methodius and St. James.
<b>LORAIN COUNTY NORTH</b>		
Holy Trinity (1906), Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1898), St. Joseph (1896), St. Ladislaus (1890), St. Mary (1873), St. Peter (1909), St. Stanislaus (1908), all in Lorain.	No more than three parishes	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Ladislaus and St. Stanislaus to merge with Holy Trinity.
Sacred Heart Chapel (Lorain) (1952), SS. Cyril and Methodius (Lorain) (1905), St. John the Baptist (Lorain) (1900), St. Vincent de Paul (Elyria) (1949), St. Vitus (Lorain) (1922)	No more than three parishes	SS. Cyril and Methodius and St. Vitus to merge with St. John the Baptist.
<b>LORAIN COUNTY SOUTH</b>		
Holy Cross (1922), Sacred Heart of Jesus (1922), St. Agnes (1914), St. Jude (1943), St. Mary (1845), all in Elyria.	No more than three parishes	Holy Cross and Sacred Heart to close.
<b>HUNGARIAN CLUSTER</b>		
St. Emeric (Cleveland) (1904), St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Cleveland) (1892), St. Margaret of Hungary (Orange) (1921)	No more than one parish	Leaving decision to bishop.