

Final Decisions for the Northern Pastoral Region

CLUSTER # 1 – the parishes of St. Ann, Scranton; SS. Peter & Paul, Scranton; St. Lucy, Scranton; St. Patrick, Scranton; St. Michael, Scranton:

- SS. Peter and Paul, Scranton and St. Lucy, Scranton, will remain linked but this will be reevaluated no later than July 2011. It is further directed that the linked parishes will develop a proactive plan to partner in the combining of activities, resources, personnel, RCIA, Sacramental preparation, and CCD.
- St. Michael, Scranton and St. Patrick, Scranton will consolidate at the St. Patrick site in the remote possibility that the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter withdraws from St. Michael Parish. If that were to occur, plans will be made to accommodate the celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite at a new location.
- The worship site at Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel of St. Patrick Parish is to be reviewed after two years.
- The creation of a Partnership among St. Ann, Scranton, St. Patrick, Scranton, St. Michael, Scranton, St. Lucy, Scranton and SS. Peter and Paul, Scranton no later than July 2009.

CLUSTER # 2 – the parishes of St. John the Baptist, Taylor; Immaculate Conception, Taylor; St. Joseph, Minooka (Scranton); St. Mary of Czestochowa, Greenwood:

- St. John the Baptist, Taylor, Immaculate Conception, Taylor, St. Joseph, Minooka, Scranton, and St. Mary of Czestochowa, Greenwood will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the St. Joseph site. St. Mary, St. John the Baptist, and Immaculate Conception Church buildings will close no later than July 2010.

CLUSTER # 3 – the parishes of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Scranton; St. John the Evangelist, Scranton; Nativity of Our Lord, Scranton; St. Mary of the Assumption, Scranton; Holy Name of Jesus, Scranton; St. Francis of Assisi, Scranton:

- St. Francis of Assisi, Scranton, St. John the Evangelist, Scranton and Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Scranton will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the Sacred Hearts site. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Francis, which will be reviewed after two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests. St. John the Evangelist Church building will close no later than July 2010.
- Nativity, Scranton, Holy Name of Jesus, Scranton and St. Mary of the Assumption, Scranton will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the Nativity site. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at Holy Name of Jesus which will be reviewed after two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests. St. Mary of the Assumption Church building will close no later than July 2010.
- The creation of a Partnership between the two new parish communities.

CLUSTER # 4 – the parishes of Our Lady of the Abingtons, Dalton; Our Lady of the Snows, Clarks Summit; St. Gregory, Clarks Green; St. Patrick, Nicholson:

- The creation of a Partnership among Our Lady of the Abingtons, Dalton, Our Lady of the Snows, Clarks Summit, St. Gregory, Clarks Green, and St. Patrick, Nicholson no later than July 2009.
- St. Patrick, Nicholson and Our Lady of the Abingtons, Dalton will link no later than July 2010. The linkage will be reviewed after three years.

CLUSTER # 5 – the parishes of St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton; Immaculate Conception, Scranton; Holy Family, Scranton; St. Paul, Scranton; St. Clare, Scranton; Christ the King, Dunmore; St. Thomas More Society, Scranton:

- The creation of a Partnership among all the parishes in the cluster no later than July 2009.
- Holy Family, Scranton and St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton, will link no later than July 2009. Holy Family, Scranton and St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton will consolidate no later than July 2010, at the St. Peter’s Cathedral site. Holy Family Church building will close no later than July 2010.
- Immaculate Conception, Scranton and Christ the King, Dunmore will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the Immaculate Conception site. Christ the King Church building will close no later than July 2010.
- St. Paul, Scranton and St. Clare, Scranton will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the St. Paul site. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Clare, due to its current use by and relationship with the school. This will be reviewed within two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests.

CLUSTER # 6 – the parishes of St. Mary, Old Forge; St. Lawrence O’Toole, Old Forge; St. Michael, Old Forge:

- St. Mary, Old Forge, St. Lawrence O’Toole, Old Forge and St. Michael, Old Forge will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the St. Mary site. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Lawrence O’Toole, which will be reviewed after two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests. St Michael’s Church building will close no later than July 2010.

CLUSTER # 7 – the parishes of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Dunmore; St. Casimir, Dunmore; All Saints, Dunmore; St. Anthony, Dunmore; St. Rocco, Dunmore:

- The creation of a Partnership among all the parishes in the cluster no later than July 2009.
- St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Dunmore, St. Casimir, Dunmore, and All Saints, Dunmore will consolidate no later than July 2011 at the St. Mary of Mt. Carmel site. St. Casimir and All Saints Church buildings will close no later than July 2011.
- St. Anthony, Dunmore and St. Rocco, Dunmore will consolidate no later than July 2011 at the St. Anthony site. St. Rocco Church building will continue to serve as a worship site until it closes no later than July 2011.

CLUSTER # 8 – the parishes of St. Catherine of Siena, Moscow; St. Eulalia, Elmhurst:

- The creation of a Partnership between St. Catherine of Siena, Moscow and St. Eulalia, Elmhurst no later than July 2009.

CLUSTER # 9 – the parishes of St. Thomas Aquinas, Archbald; St. Mary of Czestochowa, Eynon; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mayfield; Sacred Heart of Mary, Jermyn:

- The creation of a Partnership among all the parishes in the cluster no later than July 2009 which will lead to two consolidations.
- St. Thomas Aquinas, Archbald and St. Mary of Czestochowa, Eynon will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the St. Thomas Aquinas site. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Mary of Czestochowa, which will be reviewed after two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mayfield and Sacred Heart of Mary, Jermyn will consolidate no later than 2010 at the Sacred Heart of Mary site. Sacred Heart of Jesus Church building will close no later than July 2010.

CLUSTER # 10 – the parishes of St. Michael, Olyphant; St. Patrick, Olyphant; Holy Ghost, Olyphant; Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary, Dickson City; St. John the Baptist, Throop; St. Anthony, Throop; St. Bridget, Throop:

- The creation of a Partnership among all parishes in the cluster no later than July 2009.
- St. Michael, Olyphant, St. Patrick, Olyphant, and Holy Ghost, Olyphant will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the St. Patrick site. St. Michael and Holy Ghost Church buildings will close no later than July 2010.
- St. John the Baptist, Throop, St. Anthony, Throop, and St. Bridget, Throop will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the St. Anthony site. St. John the Baptist and St. Bridget Church buildings will close no later than July 2010.
- The newly consolidated parishes at the St. Patrick site and the St. Anthony site will link no later than July 2010.

CLUSTER # 11 – the parishes of Sacred Heart, Peckville; St. James, Jessup; St. Michael, Jessup; St. Mary’s Assumption, Jessup:

- The creation of a Partnership among Sacred Heart, Peckville; St. James, Jessup; St. Michael, Jessup; St. Mary’s Assumption, Jessup no later than July 2009.
- St. James, Jessup, St. Michael, Jessup and St. Mary’s Assumption, Jessup will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the St. Michael site. St. James Church building will close no later than July 2010. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Mary’s Assumption, which will be reviewed after two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests.

CLUSTER # 12 – the parishes of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carbondale; Corpus Christi, Montdale; St. Rose of Lima, Carbondale; St. Pius X, Royal (Clifford); St. Michael, Simpson:

- The creation of a Partnership among Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carbondale, St. Rose of Lima, Carbondale, and St. Michael, Simpson no later than July 2009.
- Corpus Christi, Montdale and St. Pius X, Royal will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the Corpus Christi site. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Pius X, which will be reviewed after two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests.
- St. Rose of Lima, Carbondale and St. Michael, Simpson will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the St. Rose of Lima site. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Michael, which will be reviewed after two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests.
- St. Rose of Lima, Carbondale and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carbondale will consolidate no later than July 2012.

CLUSTER # 13 – the parishes of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Forest City; St. Agnes, Forest City; St. Joseph, Forest City; St. James, Pleasant Mount; St. Juliana, Rock Lake:

- St. James, Pleasant Mount and St. Juliana, Rock Lake will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the St. James site. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Juliana, which will be reviewed after two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests. The Mission Churches of St. Cecilia, Hilltop and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lake Como, will be closed no later than July 2009.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Forest City, St. Agnes, Forest City, and St. Joseph, Forest City will consolidate no later than July 2009 at the St. Joseph site.
- The newly consolidated parishes of Forest City and the newly consolidated parish at the St. James site, Pleasant Mount will link no later than July 2010.

CLUSTER # 14 – the parishes of Holy Rosary, Scranton; St. Joseph, Scranton; St. Anthony of Padua, Scranton and the St. Thomas More Society, Scranton:

- Holy Rosary, Scranton, St. Joseph, Scranton and St. Anthony of Padua, Scranton will consolidate no later than July 2011 at the Holy Rosary site. The St. Thomas More Society will maintain its current relationship with St. Anthony of Padua, Scranton until such time as the future consolidation takes place. St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua Church buildings will close no later than July 2011.