

Final Decisions for Western Pastoral Region

CLUSTER # 1 – the parishes of Epiphany, Sayre; St. Ann, Bentley Creek; St. John, South Waverly; St. Joseph, Athens:

- Epiphany, Sayre, Saint Ann, Bentley Creek, St. John, South Waverly, and St. Joseph, Athens will consolidate no later than July 2009 at the Epiphany site. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission Church, Ridgebury, Pa., which will be reviewed after two years based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities, and the availability of priests. Similar worship sites will be maintained at St. Joseph's, Athens, and St. John's, South Waverly until they are closed no later than July 2011. St. Ann Church building will close no later than July 2009.

CLUSTER # 2 – the parishes of SS. Peter and Paul, Towanda; St. Michael, Canton:

- SS. Peter and Paul, Towanda and St. Michael, Canton will remain linked but this will be evaluated in July 2012. The worship sites at Troy and Ralston will remain open and be evaluated in July 2011. The Mission Church at Immaculate Conception, Ulster will be closed as a worship site no later than July 2009.

CLUSTER # 3 – the parishes of St. Mary of the Assumption, Wyalusing; St. Joachim, Meshoppen:

- St. Mary of the Assumption, Wyalusing and St. Joachim, Meshoppen will link no later than July 2009 which will lead to a consolidation no later than July 2011 at the St. Mary of the Assumption site. At the time of the consolidation, there will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Joachim which will be reviewed after two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests. The Mission Churches of St. Bonaventure, Auburn, and St. Anthony, Stowell will be closed no later than July 2009.

CLUSTER # 4 – the parishes of St. Lawrence, Great Bend; St. John, Susquehanna; St. Martin, Jackson:

- St. Lawrence, Great Bend, St. John, Susquehanna, and St. Martin, Jackson will link no later than July 2009. This decision will be evaluated in two years. The parishes are further directed to work on the following areas: formation of Pastoral Councils, combined outreach programs, adult education, and youth ministry, and the development of a pastoral team. The Mission Churches of St. John, New Milford and St. Paul, Starrucca will close no later than July 2009.

CLUSTER # 5 – the parishes of St. Francis Xavier, Friendsville; St. Thomas the Apostle, Little Meadows; St. Joseph, St. Joseph; Holy Name of Mary, Montrose:

- St. Joseph, St. Joseph, St. Francis Xavier, Friendsville, and St. Thomas the Apostle, Little Meadows will consolidate no later than July 2010 at the St. Francis Xavier site. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Augustine, Silver Lake which will be reviewed after two years, based on

geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests. The Mission Church of St. Patrick, Middleton will close no later than July 2009. St. Joseph and St. Thomas the Apostle Church buildings will close no later than July 2010.

- The creation of a Partnership between Holy Name of Mary, Montrose and the consolidated parish at the St. Francis Xavier site no later than July 2010.

CLUSTER # 6 – the parishes of St. Basil, Dushore; St. Francis of Assisi, Mildred:

- St. Basil the Great, Dushore and St. Francis of Assisi, Mildred will consolidate no later than July 2010, at the St. Basil the Great site. There will be two additional worship sites (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Francis of Assisi, Mildred and, during the months of July and August, at St. Francis of Assisi, Eagles Mere, which will be reviewed after two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests. They will maintain the St. John Neumann Shrine in Sugar Ridge and retain all buildings as requested. The Mission Churches of St. Francis Xavier, Overton and Sacred Heart, Laporte will close no later than July 2009.

CLUSTER # 7 – the parishes of Immaculate Conception, Bastress; St. Luke, Jersey Shore:

- Immaculate Conception, Bastress and St. Luke, Jersey Shore will remain linked. This will be reviewed in July 2012.

CLUSTER # 8 – the parishes of St. Boniface, Williamsport; St. Ann, Williamsport; St. Lawrence, South Williamsport:

- St. Lawrence, South Williamsport and St. Boniface, Williamsport will link no later than July 2009. This will be reviewed in 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.
- The creation of a Partnership among St. Lawrence, South Williamsport, St. Boniface and St. Ann, Williamsport no later than July 2009. This Partnership should focus on: adult education, faith formation K-12, enhanced youth ministry, RCIA, and enhanced stewardship of volunteer resources. The Mission Church of Assumption at Cascade will close no later than 2009.

CLUSTER # 9 – the parishes of Ascension/Holy Rosary, Williamsport; Annunciation, Williamsport; Mater Dolorosa, Williamsport:

- Holy Rosary, Williamsport, Ascension, Williamsport, Annunciation, Williamsport, and Mater Dolorosa, Williamsport, will consolidate no later than July 2009, at the Annunciation site. There will be two additional worship sites (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at Ascension, and at Mater Dolorosa, where daily Mass will also be celebrated. These additional worship sites will be reviewed after two years based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities and the availability of priests. Holy Rosary Church will be closed no later than July 2009.

CLUSTER # 10 – the parishes of Holy Child, Mansfield; St. John Neumann, Blossburg; St. Peter, Wellsboro; St. Thomas, Elkland:

- St. John Neumann, Blossburg, and Holy Child, Mansfield, will consolidate no later than July 2009 at the Holy Child site. There will be an additional worship site (the possibility of one weekend Mass with occasional funerals and weddings) at St. Mary Czestochowa Church, which will be reviewed after two years, based on geography, attendance, fiscal realities, and the availability of priests. The mission of Holy Child, St. Mary's, Tioga, will be close no later than February 2009.
- The creation of a Partnership among the newly consolidated parish at the Holy Child site in Mansfield, St. Peter, Wellsboro, and St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkland, including the mission church in Westfield (St. Catherine), no later than July 2009. The new Partnership should focus on the following areas: Parish religious education K-12, vocation awareness, and social justice advocacy and outreach. The Mission of St. Peter, Wellsboro, Sacred Heart, Morris, will close no later than July 2009

CLUSTER # 11 – the parishes of Resurrection, Muncy; Our Lady of Lourdes, Montoursville:

- The creation of a Partnership between the parishes no later than July 2009. The Partnership should focus on the following: combined sacramental preparation for Baptism and Confirmation, a joint program for adult education, combined purchasing of supplies, shared spiritual retreats and formation for liturgical ministries, share a bookkeeper/administration support.

CLUSTER # 12 – the parishes of St. Mary of the Lake, Lake Winola; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tunkhannock:

- Nativity BVM, Tunkhannock and St. Mary of the Lake, Lake Winola will remain linked. This will be reviewed after three years. Both parishes should strengthen youth ministry (Confirmation through Marriage), adult education programs, plan joint social activities and strengthen the linkage between the two parishes through cooperation between councils and parish organizations.