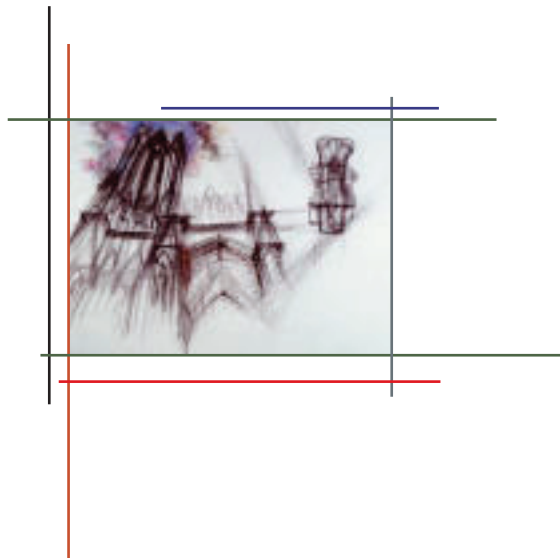


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DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING COMMITTEE



REPORT *AND*  
RECOMMENDATIONS



25 AUGUST 2009

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To: Bishop Timothy McDonnell, Bishop of Springfield  
From: The Pastoral Planning Committee  
Re: Recommendations for the Reconfiguration of Parishes

Dear Bishop McDonnell:

As we reach the end of our active role in the diocesan pastoral planning process, it is with a sense of great hope for the future of the Catholic Community of Western Massachusetts that we submit our recommendations to you. We believe that the recommendations in this report represent our best effort to help you achieve your goal of “fair and equitable access to the Eucharist for every Catholic in Western Massachusetts.”

It has been a distinct privilege to travel throughout the diocese and meet such committed believers, people with open minds and hearts, genuinely trying to discern what the Holy Spirit calls us to embrace as we enter this new century.

Throughout our work, the pastoral planning prayer composed by Bishop Maguire has been recited as we opened every meeting and discussion. That prayer has guided and inspired us “to seek what is in the best interest of all.”

With continued prayer and good will efforts by all, we are convinced that the Catholic Community of Western Massachusetts will flourish in its ever evolving configuration.

May God bless the continuing efforts of the faithful, as our Church moves into the future with renewed hopes, stronger faith and true charity.

Respectfully yours,

The Pastoral Planning Committee



# MAP OF THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

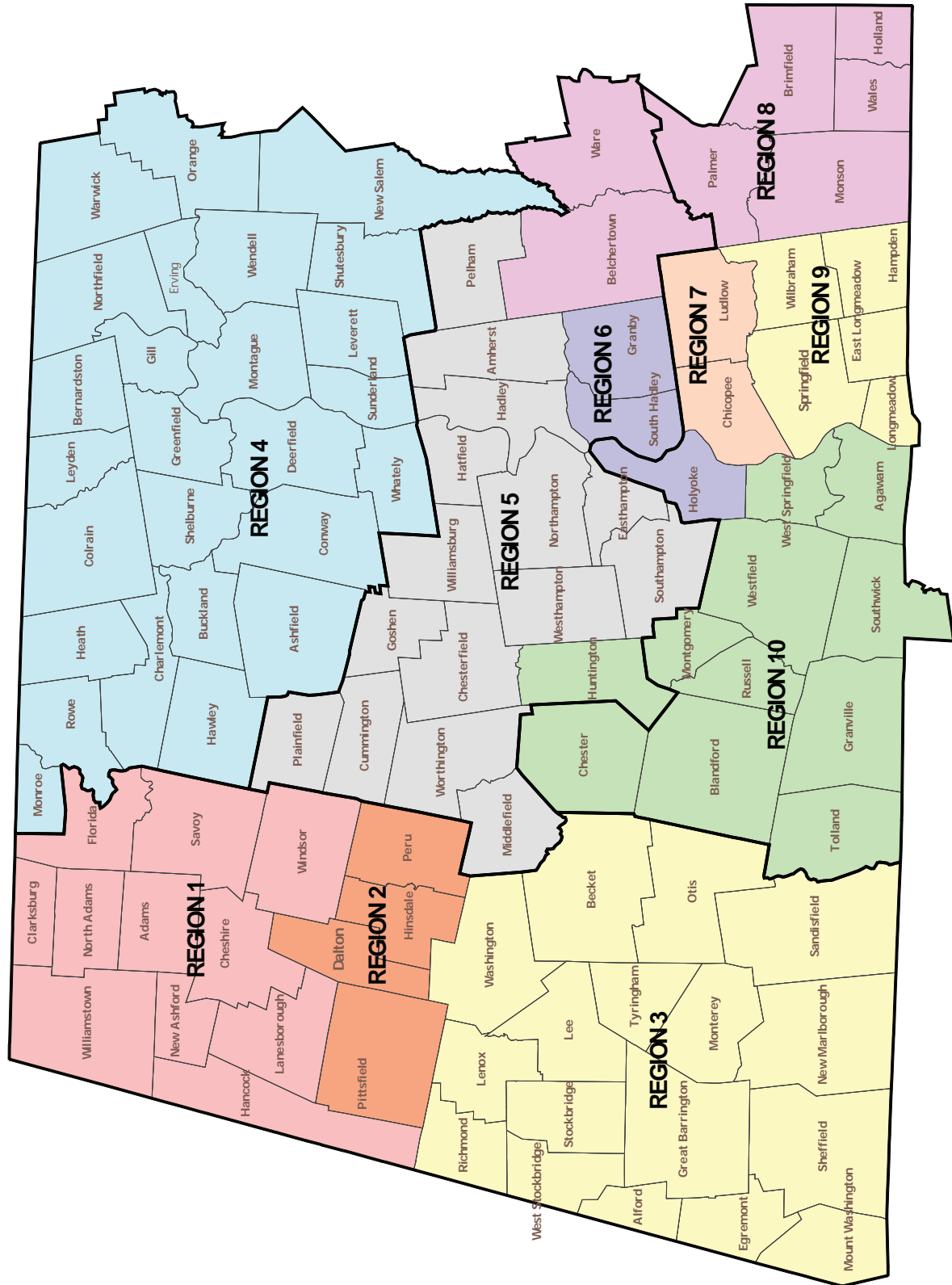


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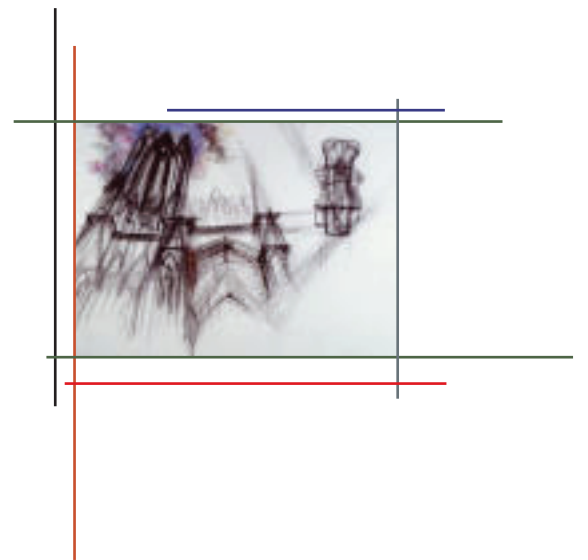
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# INTRODUCTION









## INTRODUCTION

- 1.0 Newly installed as the eighth Bishop of Springfield, Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell created the Office of Pastoral Planning and appointed its Director in the fall of 2004. This would be the fourth attempt at pastoral planning since 1980. The previous three attempts did not come to fruition because each effort was not completed before a new Bishop of Springfield was appointed.
- 1.1 The data gathered in the previous planning efforts, while beneficial as a snapshot in time, is dated and of limited utility. However, these prior attempts did provide one critical benefit. The previous attempts helped to orient the faithful to the need for pastoral planning. Because of this, the present effort did not need to spend a great deal of time raising the awareness of parishioners to the need for pastoral planning. In fact, the response to the announcement of this effort seemed to be, “Finish it this time!”
- 1.2 There are two concerns driving the planning effort. The first concern is an expectation that there may be as few as sixty-five (65) diocesan priests ministering in the diocese between 2010 and 2012. At present there are about ninety (90) priests in ministry. (See ¶ 1.12-1.14 below.) The expected number is the result of assuming that a priest will retire from active ministry as soon as he becomes eligible for retirement.
- 1.3 The second concern is that the number of active Catholics regularly attending Mass is declining. At the same time our buildings, in which we conduct much of our ministry, are aging and so maintenance is an increasing need. The diocese has, as a result, more church buildings than the number of active Catholics can support.
- 1.4 And so the central question is: How do we provide the members of our diocese with the best possible pastoral care in response to these concerns?

### CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

- 1.5 The paragraphs of this introduction have been numbered to make for easy access to information. Within the text of our report, reference to a particular paragraph will appear as ¶ 1.00, p. 1, meaning paragraph number 1.0 that appears on page 1.
- 1.6 The diocese is composed of parishes and missions as explained below. Wherever the word “parish” is used we mean both parishes and missions, unless it is necessary to distinguish between the two, in which case the distinction will be made plain.
- 1.7 The word “church” has a number of meanings that can sometimes cause confusion. In the report we will use the word Church—capitalized—to mean the Roman Catholic Church, or as a body of the faithful. In referring to a church



building we will use either “church building” or “worship center.”

- 1.8 Wherever the word “law” alone is used, canon law is meant. State and federal law will be referred to as “civil law.”
- 1.9 There are many towns within the diocese without a parish or a mission and it is not always apparent which parish is responsible for each town. In each region report we group these towns with those towns with a parish or mission mostly by location. The diocese plans to formalize which parish is responsible for which towns in the near future.
- 1.10 As explained below there are two ways to alter a parish: by merging, or by linking. When used alone without distinction the word “alter” refers generally to these two conditions.

### OVERVIEW OF THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

- 1.11 The Diocese of Springfield comprises the four western counties of Massachusetts: Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden Counties. The diocese covers 2,781 square miles.<sup>1</sup> The diocese is primarily rural. Eleven (11) of its 101 communities are recognized as cities by the state.<sup>2</sup> (Of the eleven cities Agawam, Easthampton, Greenfield and West Springfield have been granted city forms of government though they wish to be known officially by the state as “Town of.”<sup>3</sup>)
- 1.12 These counties have a combined population of about 817,291.<sup>4</sup> We estimate that 220,297 persons, or roughly one-quarter (1/4) of the population are Roman Catholic.<sup>5</sup>
- 1.13 A just-released report shows that the Catholic population of Massachusetts has declined by 15% from 1990 to 2008.<sup>6</sup> The report only looked at the state as a whole and did not break their numbers down by county.
- 1.14 In 2004, when the present planning effort was begun, the diocese utilized 126 parishes and missions served by some ninety (90) diocesan priests.

#### *Diocesan Priests*

- 1.15 In 2004 we estimated that we could have as few as 65 diocesan priests in ministry by as early as 2010 and 63 by 2012. That estimation was based purely upon retirement ages of the diocesan priests in ministry inside the diocese at the time.

1 Source: [www.quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/25/\(insert 25003 for Berkshire County; 25011 for Franklin County; 25013 for Hampden County; and 25015 for Hampshire County.\)](http://www.quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/25/(insert%2025003%20for%20Berkshire%20County;%2025011%20for%20Franklin%20County;%2025013%20for%20Hampden%20County;%20and%2025015%20for%20Hampshire%20County.))

2 <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleclk/clkidx.htm>

3 [http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cispdf/ma\\_counties.pdf](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cispdf/ma_counties.pdf)

4 Source: Massachusetts City and Town Directory at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleclk/clkidx.htm>

5 P.J. Kennedy & Sons, *The Official Catholic Directory for the Year of Our Lord 2009*, (New Jersey: National Register Publishing, 2009) 1374.

6 CARA Report, v.14, no. 4, Spring 2009, p. 2.



A priest may retire at 70 years of age, and is generally expected to retire at 75. Our planning had to assume the worst case scenario and so we assume that a priest will retire as soon as he turns 70. This approach does not account for a sudden debilitating illness or unexpected injury or pre-mature death.

- 1.16 But our projections have been buoyed by the ordination of seven (7) priests and the incardination of three priests (3) from other dioceses or religious orders since 2004. Currently, the diocese has some ninety (90) priests assigned to full time active pastoral ministry within the diocese. Nine (9) of those currently ministering are already at or above 70 years old at the time this report is released.
- 1.17 We now project that we could have 71 diocesan priests in ministry in 2010; 68 in 2011; and 63 in 2012.
- 1.18 Many of our retired priests generously make themselves available to fill in for a vacationing or ill priest.

#### *Vocations*

- 1.19 While our diocesan vocation director has been tireless in his efforts to invite men to consider God's call to priesthood, purely for planning purposes, we cannot presume a man who enters the seminary to test God's call will, in fact, ultimately be ordained. Again, our planning has to assume the worst case possibility, namely, that we will have no ordinations before 2012. At present, however, there are 28 seminarians studying for the priesthood spread among all levels of study.

#### *Religious Order Priests and Priests from Other Countries*

- 1.20 The diocese has been blessed throughout its history to have the ministry of priests who are members of religious orders. Sadly, each religious order faces the same low numbers as diocesan priests. The religious orders currently represented in our diocese are: the Conventual Franciscan Friars (Franciscans), the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), the Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata (Stigmatines), the Missionaries of LaSalette (LaSallettes), the Congregation of Marians (Marians), and the Missionary Society of St. Columban (Columbans).
- 1.21 In addition there are a number of priests from overseas who have come to the area to study or to have an experience of the American church. They have been most generous to assist our own priests by adding their ministry to ours.
- 1.22 While we are fortunate to have these priests in our midst, from a planning point of view, we must devise a plan whereby the diocese can assure its people coverage by our own diocesan priests. Religious order priests are subject to their major superior who can recall them at any time for service to their Order. Likewise, priests from overseas are subject to their own diocesan bishop and can similarly be recalled home, or return home when their education is complete.

*Other Ministers*

- 1.23 Not all Church ministry is priestly. No description of the diocese would be complete without mention of the many faithful and talented men and women who provide dynamic and creative ministry, without whom we would be sorely diminished. There are many dedicated religious sisters—from 23 religious orders!—and lay ministers and deacons who give of themselves daily on our behalf. Although this report is in a sense “priest-driven,” in that our goal is to provide fair and equitable access for every Catholic to the Eucharist, the committee’s work has not been “priest-centric.” We fervently hope that, with the weight of the fear of which parishes will remain open now lifted by this report, the next—and more exciting—phase of nurturing the growth of our parishes can begin, in which women religious, lay ministers and deacons will be critical.

*Hispanic Ministry*

- 1.24 The Hispanic ministry Office devised its own pastoral plan a few years ago. Two of the members of the pastoral planning committee are members of the Hispanic Ministry office in order to ensure that their plan will fit well with our efforts.

*The Catholic School Department*

- 1.25 The Diocesan Schools Office has been involved in their own planning process. Rather than defer one effort in favor of another, both continued contemporaneously. We kept the schools office informed of our deliberations and consulted with the superintendent of schools as needed.
- 1.26 For the purposes of our efforts, we distinguish between a school and a parish. We view them as separate entities. A school, theoretically, can survive the closing of its parish and a parish can survive the closing of its school.
- 1.27 We do not wish to downplay the intimate bond that exists between a parish and its school community, that is why above we said theoretically. When our deliberations involved a parish with a school, the director consulted with the superintendent.

*Contemporaneous Efforts*

- 1.28 Parallel to the pastoral planning process, Bishop McDonnell initiated two other efforts. The first was to order the creation of Deanery Pastoral Councils in an effort to unify ministerial efforts across a deanery through increased communication and deanery-wide efforts.
- 1.29 In the second initiative, the bishop approved a model for parish pastoral council training.
- 1.30 The Religious Education Office prepared materials to use in parish Religious Education classes about pastoral planning. These materials were distributed to each



parish in the Fall of 2006.

## CANON LAW AND TERMINOLOGY

- 1.31 The primary purpose of the Church is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One of the primary ways of doing so is done principally through the parish. The parish is both the school for the practice of the faith and the point of contact for the universal Church.

## THE PARISH

- 1.32 The Roman Catholic Church throughout the world is, for the most part, divided into areas we know as dioceses. Each diocese is shepherded by a bishop. Each diocese is itself divided into territorial parishes. There is no requirement in the law for any particular number of parishes. Theoretically, the diocese could have but one parish with the bishop as its pastor. In fact, however, parishes were created as circumstances warranted. As an existing parish grew to such an extent that pastoral ministry began to suffer, new parishes were carved out from the first. In this way, we came to the diocesan parishes we have currently.
- 1.33 Just as canon law provides for the creation of new parishes, it also recognizes that changing conditions might require that parishes be combined, or dissolved, in order to provide effective ministry. This is the situation we face today.

## TYPES OF PARISHES

- 1.34 The faithful of the diocese experience parish life in one of three ways, either through a territorial parish, or through a national parish or through a mission. Although to a parishioner there may appear to be little or no difference, there are differences in law and it is important to be aware of what those differences are.

### *Territorial Parishes*

- 1.35 Of the two types of parishes a territorial parish is what most people think of as a parish. Anyone who lives within the parish boundaries comes under the pastoral care of that parish and its pastor and ministerial staff. In this way everyone living within the diocese has a pastor whom they can approach to have their pastoral and spiritual needs met.
- 1.36 The critical point here is that, because of territoriality, no Catholic is without a parish and a pastor. There is no requirement that one must be “registered.” Even someone who has not attended Mass for some time and about whom the pastor knows little or nothing has a right to ask for or even demand spiritual care.
- 1.37 Where once a parish functioned essentially like a neighborhood, providing almost an identity in and of itself, today with our highly mobile society, it may be more convenient for a family to be associated with another parish perhaps at some dis-



tance from their home. In such a case, it is the family's responsibility to formally register with that parish to make that pastor aware of his responsibilities to them.

#### *National Parishes*

- 1.38 The other type of parish is a national parish. National parishes, properly so called, are parishes created to serve an ethnic community. Typically in our area there are national parishes for persons of French descent, persons of Italian descent, persons of Lithuanian descent, persons of Polish descent, and persons of Portuguese descent. Simply by virtue of being from an ethnic background, or married to someone of that ethnic background, you may join that national parish no matter where you may happen to live. National parishes have no territorial boundaries.
- 1.39 National parishes were actually a result of the great wave of immigration the United States experienced in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. They are typically served by a pastor from that ethnic background or by a priest who at least can communicate in the ethnic language and is sensitive to ethnic culture and religious traditions. During the immigration wave of the middle of the last century, national parishes played an important role in acclimating new arrivals to American culture. Sadly, not all immigrants found coming to America to be an easy experience. Some experienced, at best, suspicion and, at worst, hostility. Banding together for mutual support, with a pastor who could speak the language, the national parish became, for many, the only safety-net some immigrants had.

#### *Ethnic Religious Traditions*

- 1.40 For the most part the need for national parishes is not as strong as once it was. Some pastoral theologians even question the need for them at all. In some cases it might be necessary to blend parishioners of ethnic parishes into territorial ones. Such a blending, however, must allow for the continuation of some important ethnic customs and religious rituals. The pastoral staff, therefore must make it their concern to become aware of what these customs might be and encourage their continued use.
- 1.41 When blending ethnic parishes it is very important to incorporate into the receiving parish church as many of the statues and other religious artifacts as possible so that people can begin to feel at home.
- 1.42 The approach we have taken in our deliberations is to see all parishes as parishes without distinction. This approach, we believe, provides a level playing field. That is to say, we discussed each parish in relation to each other only in terms of being communities of the faithful, not an ethnic parish against a territorial one.
- 1.43 This is in conformity with previous actions taken by the diocese. While Hispanics might congregate around a particular parish because of feeling welcomed there,



the diocese has intentionally not created Hispanic parishes as once it would have created a French parish, for example. When a growing Vietnamese faith community out-grew the accommodations within the territorial parish they were worshipping in, the Vietnamese pastor was made pastor of a neighboring territorial parish that was able to accommodate their numbers. The parish, however, remained a territorial parish.

#### *Missions*

- 1.44 In addition to parish communities the diocese also has mission communities. Missions are called quasi-parishes in canon law. They are usually formed as an offshoot of a parish. They are typically erected in a community that appears to have a growing Catholic population but live at some distance from the main parish. It is expected that, over time, the mission either grows to a size sufficient to become a true parish or decreases to a point where it no longer makes sense for a priest to travel to the mission.

#### *Altering Parishes and Missions*

- 1.45 The universal law of the Church, called canon law, recognizes that changing circumstances in a diocese may result in the Bishop having to create new parishes, or alter existing ones. It is even possible that he made have to, with great reluctance, close a parish or a mission.

#### *Types of Parish Alterations*

- 1.46 There are two (2) ways given in canon law to alter a parish. The first canonical option is linking, where two or more parishes share one pastor. This option is sometimes referred to as “yoking.” Suppose, for example, that St. A’s pastor retires. St. B’s pastor is asked by the bishop to assume the pastoral care of St. A’s in addition to his other duties. St. A’s parish continues, but some things must be changed (e.g. Mass times) in order to accommodate sharing one priest.
- 1.47 The second canonical option is merging. Two or more parishes/missions are “merged” into one parish. Again for example, The bishop decides that St. A’s parish and St. B’s parish are to be merged. This can be accomplished in three ways.
- 1.48 One way is that St. A’s parish might simply absorb St. B’s parish with St. B’s parish being closed. St. A’s parish carries on as before, albeit now with a greater population for the pastoral team to minister to and a larger area for them to cover. How the various buildings from the former parish are utilized is up to the discretion of the new parish staff in consultation with the diocese. It must be decided, for instance, which church building will serve as the main worship site for the new parish. The property and other buildings associated with the former St. B’s parish can be utilized by St. A’s parish, or offered for sale in whole or in part.





- 1.49 Another way a merger may be accomplished is by merging two or more parishes and changing the name of the resulting parish. So, for example, St. A's and St. B's parishes are merged and the name of the resulting parish is changed to St. C's. This approach has the advantage of signaling a new beginning. Let us assume that St. A's church building is chosen to be the liturgical center. St. A's name is changed to St. C. It is important to note that, in a merger, at least one parish is closed. The technical term is suppression. When St. A's and St. B's are merged, by any scenario above, one parish is closed and the other has its name changed.
- 1.50 A third way a merger can be effected is by closing a parish and dividing its territory between two or more parishes. So, for example, St. B's parish is to close. Its territory and number of parishioners is too large for St. A's to absorb alone. The bordering parish of St. C's is small. The boundaries of St. A's and St. C's are redrawn so that they each receive some of the territory from the former St. B's parish. In such a case St. A's and St. C's parish staffs would collaborate about what of the St. B's building and property could be useful. If, in the end it was determined that neither parish had a need for St. B's building and property, when St. B's is sold, St. A's and St. C's would each benefit.
- 1.51 It is important to note that, in a merger, at least one parish is closed. The technical term is suppression. When St. A's and St. B's are merged by any scenario above, one parish is closed.

#### *The Difference Between Territorial and National Parishes*

- 1.52 When a territorial parish is altered by the bishop, its territory is added to the territory of a neighboring parish or parishes as explained above. The resulting parish's boundaries are revised accordingly. When, however, a national parish is closed, having no boundaries, the situation is somewhat different.
- 1.53 A national parish has no boundaries as explained above. (§ 1.38) So, when a national parish is closed the parishioners automatically become members of whatever territorial parish they happen to live in by operation of the law. A parishioner may choose to join another similar national parish, or, indeed, join any parish he or she may choose.

#### *Obligation and Assets*

- 1.54 In all the examples of merger above, one parish absorbs, not just the territory and parishioners of the other parish, but all of its assets, obligations and liabilities as well.
- 1.55 At the beginning of this planning effort, the bishop decided that, if parishes are merged, all of the assets, including any money gained through sale of buildings and/or property, would become the property of the receiving parish. That is, all proceeds remain local once all debts of the closing parish are paid. In some cases





the diocese might be a creditor of the closing parish, having loaned money to the parish in the past. Other than by being a creditor, the diocese receives no money from the closing of a parish.

- 1.56 And so, for the merger examples given above, all proceeds from the merger of St. A's and St. B's would be the property of St. A's parish or St. C's parish respectively.
- 1.57 This approach—all proceeds going to the resulting parish—was confirmed by Rome as the correct approach to parish mergers.
- 1.58 When parishes are linked, however, they remain parishes in their own right. They only share a pastor. Their assets and liabilities cannot be commingled. They might create a joint parish council and/or a joint finance council, they might even choose to combine religious education programs and other ministries. Their finances, though, must remain separate as a matter of law. Of course, each parish must share the costs associated with having a pastor.

### THE GOAL OF PASTORAL PLANNING

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- 1.59 Bishop McDonnell charged the pastoral planning office with creating a blueprint whereby the diocese could “provide fair and equitable access to the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, to all the Roman Catholics in Western Massachusetts.”

### LOCATION

- 1.60 This goal—fair and equitable access—implies physical location of the church building as a principle consideration when deciding which parishes to alter in some way.
- 1.61 In the rural areas of our diocese, the distance between parishes is critical in deciding which parishes to alter. There are definite ‘outposts’ that need to be retained. In some of more rural areas, fair and equitable access requires that a church presence be maintained and that a priest have responsibility for more than one parish/mission. In a city with multiple churches, however, fair and equitable might very well mean that parishes must be realigned in some way because parishes are so close to one another that driving an extra few minutes is not a heavy burden.
- 1.62 When considering location as a prime consideration, it may be that a church building is on a parcel of land that is too prominent to abandon. Such a consideration is a tricky one to apply in practice for it necessarily involves a value judgment that is hard to quantify. Certainly most parishes can lay claim to an argument that their physical location is worthy in some way.
- 1.63 Another factor to consider with regard to location is the size of the parcel. Is there room for future expansion? Oftentimes more is needed for effective ministry than a church building. Most parishes need space for religious education, meeting space, office space, and, perhaps, a rectory.



## FINANCIAL SITUATION

- 1.64 In our planning efforts we have made every effort to place the financial situation of a parish at the bottom of our considerations. As much as we tried to relegate finances to the back seat, attendants at the listening sessions very often tried to move it to the front seat. They had many questions about the financial situation of the diocese and the parishes. Because of both the concern and the confusion around this issue, we feel it is important to address the issue here in some detail.
- 1.65 We promised at the beginning of the pastoral planning effort that no parish would be altered simply because of finances and, conversely, that no parish will be overlooked merely because it is in a favorable financial condition.
- 1.66 We believe this approach to be sound and pastorally sensitive. There are many variables that account for the financial condition of a parish. For example, in many of our parishes, a large segment of the worshipping community is elderly, many on a fixed income. They would willingly do more for their parishes but simply cannot. Population shifts, church building accessibility, even the pastor's charisma can be added variables. We believe that there is no reason to have a conversation about "this parish is or is not making it financially" that would only lead to bad feelings, embarrassment and, perhaps, even some guilt.
- 1.67 Our fundamental working assumption is that as parishes are altered, and parish communities are blended, parishes that were once in financial difficulty could find themselves in a better condition because of the natural realignment of merged populations.
- 1.68 And so, in our planning process, we made every attempt to make finances a secondary issue. That is to say, at no point did we make a decision about altering a parish based upon financial information about that parish. When we did discuss finances the conversation was about the financial condition of a city or a region. We might ask, for example, "Can this city or this region reasonably sustain eight parishes?"
- 1.69 That is not to say, however, that the financial situation should not be acknowledged as an issue requiring some serious attention. The Church must use its money wisely and well as a matter of social justice.

### *The Assets of Closed Parishes*

- 1.70 Bishop McDonnell took the position when the planning office was formed in 2004 that if a parish is closed, all of its assets and liabilities were to be assigned to the parish or parishes that absorb the territory of the closed parish, *once all debts have been paid*. This includes any proceeds from the sale of parish property.
- 1.71 The diocese can, in some cases, be a creditor because we have loaned money to



many of our parishes over time. That is the only way in which money from a closed parish would come to the diocese—paying off a past debt. If there is no diocesan debt owed by the closing parish, the diocese does not receive any of the parish's money on closing.

- 1.72 This is not the view held by other dioceses. Many read canon law to say that if a parish is closed its assets go to the diocese. This was the prevailing view among canon lawyers and one that was entirely justified by the reading of the law. Our view was based more upon a sense of fairness and a slightly different reading of the law, which is too technical to pursue here. We were surprised and pleased that Rome, in 2007, confirmed our approach as the correct practice.
- 1.73 We believe that if our parishes are financially healthy, then the diocese will be financially healthy. The diocese obtains its operational finances from a combination of savings, endowment and parish cathedraticum and Catholic education taxes. The cathedraticum and Catholic education taxes are levied on all parishes every year and are a percentage of the parish's recurring income for the previous year based on that year's annual report.

#### *Financial and Sacramental Data*

- 1.74 Every parish must file by 1 October an annual report with the diocesan finance office. This report consists of financial data and sacramental data for the just-completed fiscal year that runs from 1 July to 30 June. These reports were used by UMass and by us to compile the data set. The UMass study considered the annual reports from 2000 to 2005. We were able to use, in addition, data from 2006 to 2008.
- 1.75 Considering just recurring income verses normal operating expenditures, of our 122 parishes and missions, only 6 did not have a single deficit year between 2000 and 2008. Fifty-two percent (52%) of our parishes had 3, 4, or 5 deficit years during that period. See Figure 17, page C10.
- 1.76 Data from the annual reports also indicate that while income in 2000 and in 2008 is about the same, expenses increased by some 6.72%. There is some fluctuation of income and expenses diocesan-wide between 2000 and 2008.

#### *Sacramental Life*

- 1.77 In addition to financial information, the annual reports also detail the number of baptisms, first Communions, confirmations, marriages and deaths.
- 1.78 The biggest decline has been in marriages from 1,299 in 2000 to 710 in 2008, or 45%. First Communions are down 36%, confirmations 21%. Baptisms declined by 30% during the same period, while the number of funerals remained about the same (-1.0%).



## THE PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS

- 1.79 The design for the pastoral planning process had to take into consideration the previous uncompleted planning attempts, particularly the frustration discussed above. (At ¶ 1.1, p. 1.) Therefore it seemed counter-productive to engage the parishes again in gathering financial and sacramental data about their parishes, especially when that data was already available from the parish annual reports. (See ¶ 1.37 on p. xxvii.)
- 1.80 The design also had to account for the fact that it simply is not possible to meet with every parishioner of every parish. We had no choice but to choose a representative sampling of our parishioners. We gave some guidelines to the pastors as to the qualities to look for in a representative and relied on their own knowledge of their parish in choosing representatives for the listening sessions.

## UMASS STUDY

- 1.81 The Diocese approached the *Center for Economic Development* at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, to undertake a study of our parishes in Western Massachusetts. Professor John Mullin lead the effort and appointed a graduate student to work with the planning office.
- 1.82 Our intention in approaching UMass was to enlist the cooperation of a disinterested third party, familiar with obtaining and analyzing relevant data, in assessing each parish according to established criteria. While the previous planning efforts had elicited data from our parishes, this was the first time that all our parishes/mission were *analyzed* according to the same set of criteria. Working with the pastoral planning office, Professor Mullin and the graduate student developed six (6) indicators that were quantifiable in nature, that is, were measurable, and were common to every parish and mission.
- 1.83 The six indicators are: population/priest ratio; community presence; baptism/funeral ratio; weekly offertory trend; attendance; and total outstanding debt.<sup>7</sup> Of course, these six quantifiable indicators are not at all the whole picture of a parish or ministry. We never pretended that they are. Ministry and parish life are not number driven, they are relationship driven. You can feel it, but you can not readily assign a numerical value to it.
- 1.84 We then asked UMass, based solely on their data and analysis, to make recommendations for parish alterations so the diocese could provide fair and equitable access to the sacraments by 65 priests, by merging, linking and closing parishes. The result is what we refer to as either the Mullin Report or the UMass Study. It appears, in its entirety, in Appendix A.
- 1.85 It was never our intention to implement the recommendations of the Mullin

<sup>7</sup> See Appendix A, *Section 1: Indicator Descriptions*, pages A7–A11.



Report as the pastoral plan for the diocese. Rather, the Mullin Report was to function as a foil, giving the diocese something to focus on and react to. It is always easier to react to a proposed plan than it is to create a plan. The Mullin report jump-starts the conversation. If someone does not like a certain recommendation, then that person already has an idea about what is wrong with it and—most critically—what that person thinks the recommendation should be.

- 1.86 The Mullin Report was released on 20 February 2007 and it utilized parish annual report data from 2000 to 2005. We collected the same quantifiable data for the years 2006 to 2008 and present this data for each region as part of Appendix B.

#### **PASTORAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- 1.87 While the data was being gathered and analyzed by Dr. Mullin, the Pastoral Planning Committee was formed and prepared to receive the UMass study when completed. The committee members participated in a four-day residential formation experience held at St. Anselm's College in New Hampshire in preparation for their task. During this time the members began to coalesce as a team and began to discuss what principles and guidelines would guide their work.
- 1.88 The members of the Pastoral Planning Committee with brief biographies appear on page xxxvii.

#### **LISTENING SESSIONS**

- 1.89 The post-Mullin Report process consisted of two (2) consultative sessions for each of the ten regions. Members of the planning committee were present at each session to hear the comments, concerns and recommendations of the participants and to ask their own questions to help clarify their understanding of each region.
- 1.90 The first session, Session 1, was for the ministerial leadership of the parishes in each region. This included the pastor, other priests, deacons, pastoral ministers, directors of religious education, and Catholic school principals within the region. These sessions were held on a weeknight and lasted from two (2) to two and a half (2 1/2) hours. The focus for the meeting was to critique the UMass report for their region and give the committee their ideas for the future of ministry in their region. While the UMass report was quantifiably data driven, the listening session was meant to elicit the intangibles of ministry in their part of the diocese.
- 1.91 Session 2 was a meeting with parish lay representatives for the region and was always held after the first session. These sessions were on a Saturday from 9:00 AM to around 3:30 PM. These sessions involved a thorough discussion of the process of pastoral planning. The participants were encouraged to ask any questions about pastoral planning and ministry. Following this, small group sessions involved the participants in a critique of the UMass report for their region in general and for



each parish in particular. Starting the discussion with the UMass study focused the group and immediately engaged the participants in generating their own ideas and suggestions for ministry in their parish and region. Members of the ministerial leadership were not invited to these sessions as their views had already been recorded during session 1.

- 1.92 We gave no specification to our pastors as to how they should select representatives to send to session 2. As a result, representatives were chosen in a variety of ways. Some pastors asked for volunteers, some sent parishioners who were already involved in parish leadership, pastoral council or finance council representatives. Each selection process, then, represents the culture and the climate of each particular parish.
- 1.93 It was only after the second session that the committee began its deliberation for the region. Committee members divided into small groups each responsible for becoming experts on two or three regions. After analyzing annual report data, and the ideas and comments from both listening sessions, the small group presented its draft recommendations to the entire committee for discussion. Each region was discussed by the committee as a whole three or more times before we were comfortable with the recommendations for a region. Some regions required even more analysis.
- 1.94 We proceeded collegially and by consensus. Consensus decision as we used the term is that everyone on the team agrees that *everything has been discussed*.<sup>8</sup> This means that each point of view has been thoroughly discussed and that there are no more remaining options to be explored. In this way, the committee was able to move forward even in the face of occasional disagreement.
- 1.95 Throughout the process we have tried to set a careful and deliberate pace. We would rather be criticized for being slow—and we were criticized for that!—than for not being thorough.
- 1.96 The final step in the consultative process involved presenting our recommendations for each region to the Presbyteral Council (a type of priest senate of elected and appointed members), as prescribed in canon law. The committee's recommendations were presented to the council region by region. They were invited to ask any questions and to give their counsel to the bishop for his consideration. Their role is advisory only. They do not take a vote or make a specific recommendation.
- 1.97 When the bishop had determined a date for implementation he gathered the priests of each region to inform them of his decision and answer their questions. He also presented each pastor with an individually crafted letter to be read at all the weekend Masses at each church in the region.

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8 S. Saint and J. Lawson, *Rules for Reaching Consensus*, (San Diego: Pfeiffer & Co., 1994), 4-5.



## IMPLEMENTATION

- 1.98 Originally, we planned to make our recommendations for the whole diocese and then release our report. However, that changed based upon the feedback we received during our first listening session. Region 2-Pittsfield--priests and people had been talking about the need for some alteration for many years. They felt ready to go and questioned having to wait. Bishop allowed the plan for that region to go to completion and so on 9 February 2008, the changes for that region were announced and became effective 1 July 2008.
- 1.99 Treating region 2 in this way called into question the rationale for our original sequence. As a result, rolling implementation became the norm. Regions 1 and 3 were announced, followed by region 4, and then region 10.
- 1.100 Because our last five regions had to be handled almost simultaneously, as each effected the other in some way, essentially they were finished together, and so were released together.
- 1.101 With the release of the report for regions 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, the work of the committee and the planning process was completed.

## PLANNING OFFICE

- 1.102 While the work of the committee was concluded, the work of the office continues. As detailed below, the office will work with four communities to finalize a plan for their towns.
- 1.103 The planning office can also be of service to parishes newly blended or, indeed, any parish that might want to develop action plans around any ministerial concern they might have.

## OVER-ALL RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.104 We have taken it upon ourselves to offer some overall recommendations. Since we have spent a great deal of time listening to priests, deacons, religious and laity, we believe we are in a unique position to make some recommendations not strictly within our original charge.
- 1.105 We have been struck by how much the faithful love their priests. They are also very concerned for their health and welfare. Time after time we heard how concerned parishioners are for the many hats a pastor has to wear. Accordingly, we feel that the diocese should strongly consider requiring each parish to employ the services of a professional business manager. If a parish is too small to be able to afford their own manager, they should join together with local parishes to contract with one. Federal and state employment statutes change over time. The construction trade is constantly in evolution of standards and practices. It is simply unwise to expect that a pastor can, or even should, keep current in all these areas.





- 1.106 A related issue is the availability of trained assistance for a pastor in his more ministerial responsibilities. We often heard the plea—and it was exactly that—from parishioners to let them help. The diocese should enhance the way lay leaders are trained beyond what it is already doing. More than that, however, the diocese should normalize lay ministry in its approach to the nature of ministry. By that we mean, the idea of lay ministry formation should become so normal in our attitude and belief about ministry that we would wonder how we ever got along without it.
- 1.107 It is not an exaggeration to say that concern and support for our youth came up in every meeting, whether in formal listening sessions or in meetings the director had in various parishes. We recommend that the development of comprehensive youth outreach must be among the diocese's highest priorities. To further that goal, parishes should give consideration to regionalizing youth ministry, sharing a youth minister and establishing regional centers for youth ministry.
- 1.108 We have been impressed by how much our people hunger for quality preaching. We recommend that the diocese develop a means of enhancing our priests' skills for preaching.
- 1.109 Finally, we recommend that evangelization and outreach must be the most singular preoccupation for the diocesan church for the immediate and short term future. There is a growing view among our people that there are many people no longer on the journey with us simply because no one has asked them to come back. There are also many, many people in our diocese who would willingly and enthusiastically embrace the faith of the Roman Catholic Church if they only had the faith explained to them in a more personal way.

#### AFTERWORD

- 1.110 As representatives of the diversity of the Roman Catholic community of western Massachusetts, we recognize both our indebtedness to past generations who have laid a solid foundation for the Diocese of Springfield and our responsibility to promote good stewardship of the personal and material resources of our church community today.
- 1.111 The sacrifices of our forbearers, sometimes even hard-earned nickels and dimes, have endowed our faith community with a tremendous patrimony that we in no way wish to minimize. However, the needs of our Catholic community have evolved as economic and social factors continue to transform New England from a booming manufacturing area, once drawing large numbers of multiple ethnic groups into our region, to a diminishing Catholic population that has successfully moved into the mainstream of American society, with both positive and negative consequences. As our church responded to the needs of our community in the past, so we must continue to adapt to meet the concerns of our generation and generations to come.





- 1.112 Our mandate from the beginning has been to provide a blueprint of parish configurations with a view toward the future needs of our diocesan family. Therefore, we encourage systematic monitoring of the changes adopted in light of the evolving demographics and pastoral needs.
- 1.113 Our first priority has always been the laity and clergy in our communities. The ratio of our Catholic population to the number of available priests, as well as the average age of our clergy, both continue to increase. At the same time, we see a graying of the population in general in our area, as many young people migrate to larger cities for both economic and social opportunities. In addition, we are no longer blessed with an abundance of vocations to the religious life. We recognize the need to adapt our physical resources to the changing circumstances of all our people. Our priests are overburdened at present and in the short term the situation will, in all likelihood, only get worse. At the same time, we have to enhance the opportunities for the formation of lay people so that they may assume more responsibility for ministry in our parishes. Our resources are too often being absorbed by the maintenance of aging infrastructure.
- 1.114 While an overriding concern has been fair and adequate access to the sacramental life of the church for all the people of our region, we are conscious of all the wider dimensions of ministry that our people rightfully expect from our church communities. We envision parishes of the future as vibrant in their diversity of leadership and celebration of the sacraments, through the collaborative efforts of priests, deacons, religious, and laity. With the assistance of God's grace, the consolidation of our material resources will allow the flowering of diverse ministries in our diocese. With adequate training for all, we will be able to both retain and proclaim the beauty and depth of our Catholic faith.
- 1.115 At the same time, we recognize that change often brings pain and anxiety. We whole-heartedly endorse outreach to those alienated by the pastoral planning process. Healing always takes time, and as long as any one among us suffers, the whole community shares that pain. We are encouraged by the conscious efforts of our people to welcome and recognize the gifts of the members of our community whose church buildings have closed.
- 1.116 However, only by letting go of some structures that have supported us in the past can we allow the Spirit to renew our communities in ways beyond our expectations. We hope that our efforts will facilitate the passing on to our young people truly dynamic church communities that are alive in the Spirit, ministering in the name of Jesus to spiritual and material needs of all people. We join with all in our communities in praying for a rebirth of evangelization and catechesis in our parishes, schools, Newman Centers, youth centers, educational outreach, food pantries, and nursing homes, encompassing the past ethnic heritages of our diocese, as well as the growing Latino, Vietnamese, and native-African communities.



- 1.117 In our many meetings with parishioners, we have been impressed by the strong identity with the local parish community exhibited by so many. Their great appreciation of and commitment to our Catholic faith has been encouraging to all of us. At the same time, we pray that a stronger identity as the Diocese of Springfield, in effect the Catholic family of western Massachusetts, will flourish and deepen. The unity within our parish communities should be the building blocks for a deep and visible unity both with our diocesan family and the universal church.
- 1.118 While consolidation has absorbed the bulk of our efforts, we acknowledge the potential for short term growth in some areas of our diocese. Hopefully, better use of our resources will enable us to expand our ministries in areas of potential population increase, such as northern Ludlow, Otis, Becket, and Southampton, as circumstances warrant.
- 1.119 With a great sense of humility, we acknowledge the complexity of the task we have undertaken, and in no way do we claim infallibility in all the practical judgments we have made. However, our recommendations do represent our collective efforts to bring fair and equitable access to sacramental ministry to all of our people. We have prayed, discerned, consulted, researched, and debated over three years. Our confidence lies in the proven generosity of our people to hold fast to the faith that has enriched and sustained them and in the power of the Holy Spirit to compensate for our inadequacies. We thank all for their concerned prayer as this process has unfolded, as seed sown on good ground, knowing that God alone can give the increase we so desire.







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# REGION 1

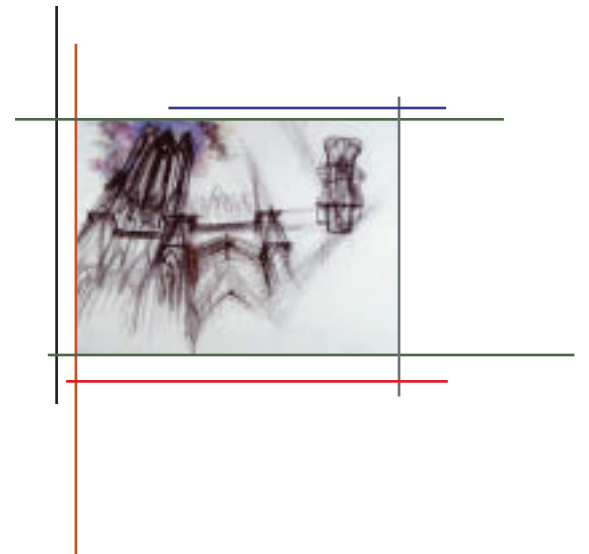
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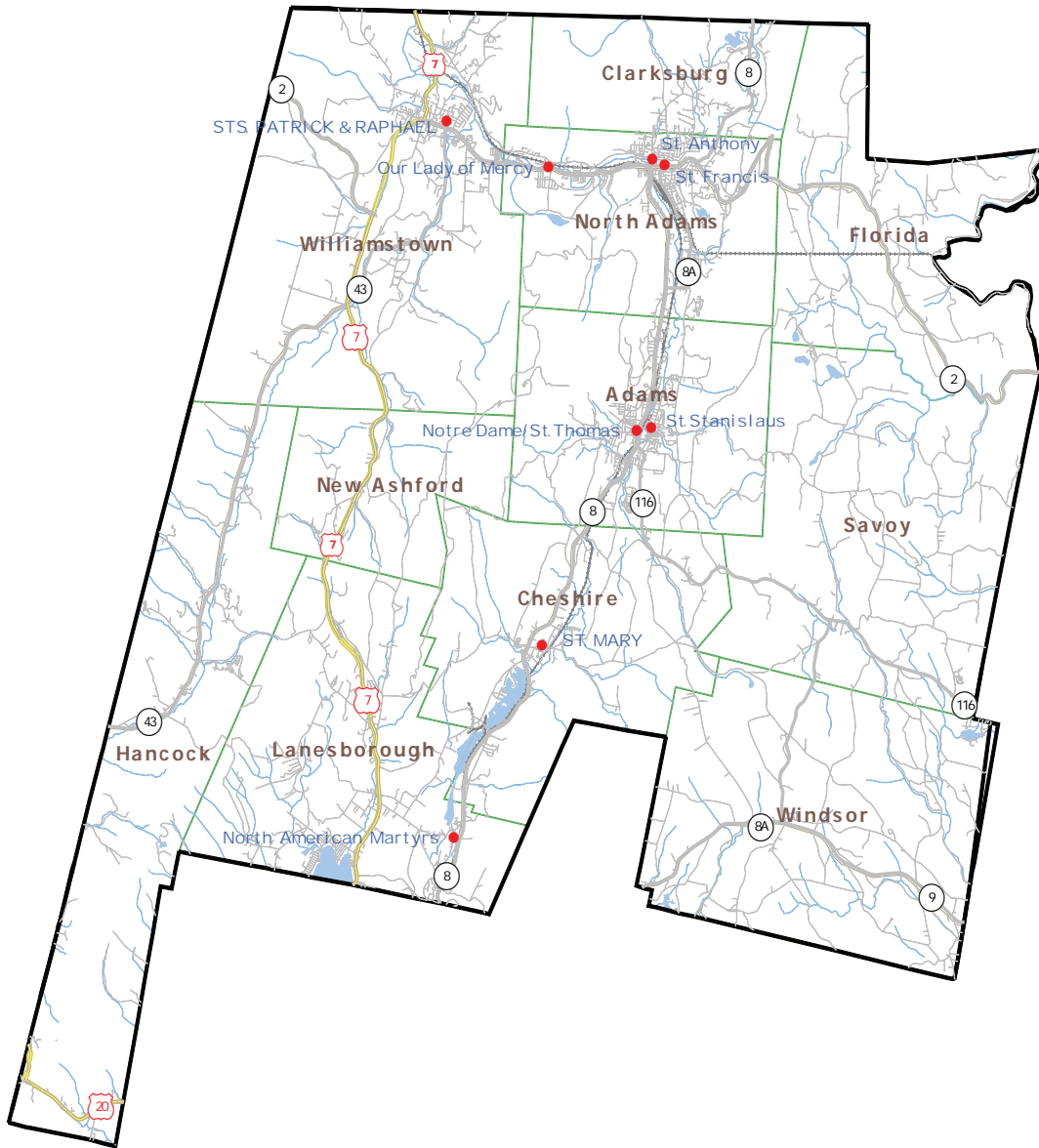
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# MAP OF REGION 1



**FIGURE 2:** Parishes within Region 1. Parishes labeled in all capital letters are those recommended to be retained unchanged. Parishes labeled in regular type are those recommended to be altered in some way either by closure, merger, or linking.





## REGION 1

Region 1 is composed of the city and towns of North Berkshire County. It comprises the parishes within the city of North Adams, and the towns of Adams, Cheshire, Lanesborough (also spelled Lanesboro), and Williamstown. This region is bordered immediately to the north by the Vermont state line, to the east by Franklin County, to the south by Region 2, and to the west by the New York State line. (See Figure 1, p.iv, and Figure opposite page.)

*For a description of Session 1 & 2, see Introduction, p. xxix, ¶¶ 1.89-1.91)*

Session 1 was held at St. Joseph Church, Pittsfield on 16 October 2007. Session 2 was held on 9 February 2008 at St. Teresa's Church, Pittsfield with 117 parish representatives in attendance from both Region 1 and Region 3.

Currently, the Roman Catholic community of Region 1 is served by five (5) priests; three (3) are priests of the Diocese of Springfield, one (1) is a priest of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and one (1) is a priest of another diocese assigned as the Campus Chaplain to Williams College.

*For the distinction between the types of parishes see Introduction, p. xxi ff.*

There are eight (8) parishes utilizing nine (9) church buildings in the Region. Two (2) of these parishes are national parishes: St. Stanislaus Kostka in Adams (a national parish for persons of Polish descent), and St. Anthony in North Adams (a national parish for persons of Italian descent).

The region is served by one (1) hospital located in North Adams. There are three (3) nursing homes in the region—two (2) in North Adams and one (1) in Williamstown. There are two (2) colleges: Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) in North Adams and Williams College in Williamstown. The pastor in North Adams provides for the ministerial needs of the Catholic population of MCLA. The Williams College Catholic population is served by a Catholic priest from outside our diocese provided by the college.

*For a description of merging and linking, see Introduction, p. xxiii, ¶¶1.46-1.53.)*

### *The UMass Study Recommendations*

The UMass Study recommends the merging of St. Francis and St. Anthony in North Adams. All other parishes in the region would remain as presently configured. (See Appendix A, pp. A13-A16.)

### *The Listening Sessions*

At both session 1 and session 2, the participants from North Adams struggled with the need to adapt to diminishing resources while trying to maintain three (3) distinct church properties. Otherwise, the participants appeared comfortable with the current configuration of parishes and distribution of priests.

### *Analysis*

There are at present four (4) pastors in this region. We see no reason to change



that number. However, given the current population of northern Berkshire County and the average age of diocesan priests, the parishes within this area may eventually be served by only three (3) priests. In the past, a larger population and the influx of diverse groups of immigrants required smaller and more numerous church buildings. Now, with fewer buildings, economic resources would be better invested in the ministerial needs of the parish and its service to the community.

### ADAMS

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There are two (2) parishes within the town of Adams: the parish of Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs & St. Thomas Aquinas and the parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka. The parishes are linked with the pastor residing at the Notre Dame-St. Thomas rectory.

Notre Dame-St. Thomas is a territorial parish and is the result of the merger in 1998 of the parishes of Notre Dame, a national parish for persons of French descent, and St. Thomas that was the territorial parish in the town. Both church buildings, both rectories and the former Notre Dame School have been retained and continue to operate.

St. Stanislaus is a national parish for persons of Polish descent. The diocese now operates what was once the parish's K-8 school.

#### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the parishes merge into one (1) parish entity consolidating the existing structures on or before 1 January 2009. St. Stanislaus School should be maintained as a separate entity pending the outcome of the Diocesan Schools Office planning process.

### CHESHIRE AND LANESBOROUGH

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*Seating-123,  
Attendance 2007 Head  
Count-87. (See This  
Appendix B, p. B1.)*

#### RECOMMENDATION

The parish of North American Martyrs in Lanesborough should be closed considering its limited seating capacity, modest attendance and reasonable proximity to the parishes in Cheshire, Dalton and Pittsfield.

The parish of St. Mary of the Assumption should be maintained as it would be the only parish between Adams and Pittsfield. In the event that the number of priests falls below expectation, St. Mary would lose its resident priest.

### NORTH ADAMS

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#### RECOMMENDATION

The parishes of St. Anthony, St. Francis and Our Lady of Mercy should be merged into one parish entity with a new name. In addition, we recommend that both St. Francis and Our Lady of Mercy church buildings should close.



The financial condition of the churches in North Adams suggests the consolidation of existing facilities into one church building to meet the ministerial and liturgical needs of the community.

The Diocesan Building Consultant prepared an Inspection Report of the conditions of the church buildings. St. Francis Parish obtained an engineer's report of the state of their church building that agrees in almost all particulars with the diocesan report. As the community struggles to consolidate and select which facilities to continue to utilize, these reports will provide useful resources for making the decision.

In the view of the committee, the St. Anthony facilities should become the main worship and ministerial site. Although St. Anthony's church building is smaller than St. Francis', plentiful parking, a smaller rectory and the adjacent parish center would serve the community well. We recommend that this process be accomplished on or before 1 January 2009 at the latest.

## WILLIAMSTOWN

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### RECOMMENDATION

Because of its location in the northwest corner of the diocese, the parish of St. Patrick and St. Raphael should remain as presently configured.

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Bishop McDonnell and implemented on 1 January 2009.*

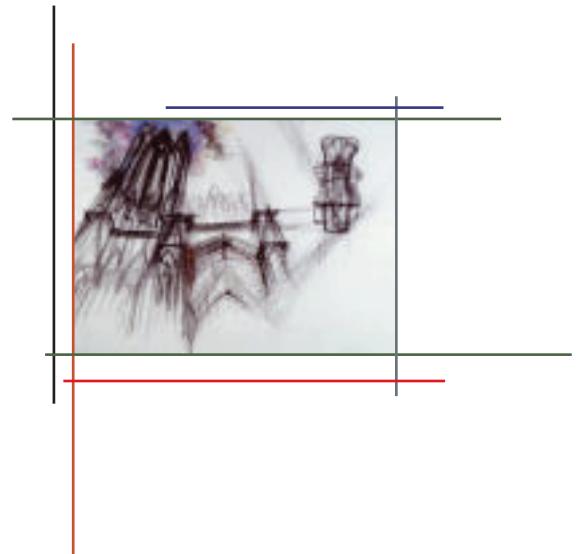


# REGION 2

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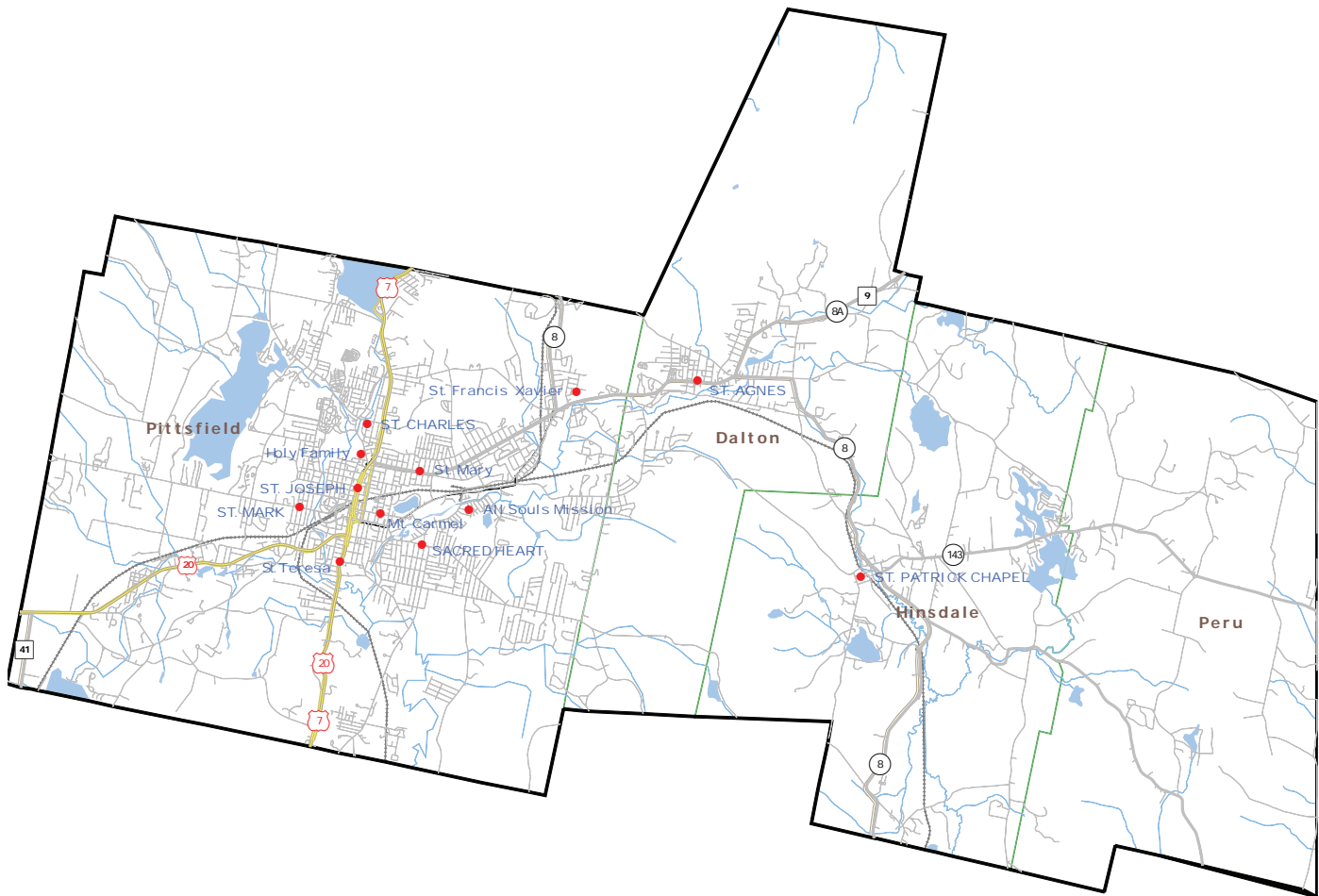
HINSDALE

PITTSFIELD





## MAP OF REGION 2



**FIGURE 3:** Parishes within Region 2. Parishes labeled in all capital letters are those recommended to be retained unchanged. Parishes labeled in regular type are those recommended to be altered in some way either by closure, merger, or linking.



## REGION 2

*For a description of Session 1 & 2, see Introduction, p. xxix, ¶¶ 1.89-1.91)*

### DALTON AND HINSDALE

Region 2 comprises the parishes within the city of Pittsfield, the town of Dalton, and the chapel in the town of Hinsdale. This region is bordered immediately by the towns of Hancock, Peru, Richmond, Washington, and Windsor which do not have church buildings for worship, and by Lanesboro and Lenox that do. (See Figure 1, p. iv, and Figure opposite page.)

Session 1 was held at St. Joseph Church, Pittsfield on 16 October 2007. Session 2 was held on 17 November 2007 at St. Teresa's Church, Pittsfield with 124 parish representatives in attendance.

St. Agnes, Dalton, is a parish with a resident pastor. The parish operates a K-8 school. The pastor is also responsible for St. Patrick Chapel in Hinsdale. St. Matthew's Chapel in Becket was closed in 2006.

Population numbers for Dalton, Hinsdale, and the surrounding towns warrant one priest according to the 12,000 population to one (1) priest ratio used by the UMass Study. (See Appendix A, p. A8–A9.) St. Agnes is the only parish in Dalton and so has a favorable location indicator. It also is financially sustainable.

### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that St. Agnes and St. Patrick Chapel remain as presently configured.

### PITTSFIELD

*For a description of merging and linking, see Introduction, p. xxiii, ¶¶ 1.46-1.53.)*

Currently, the Roman Catholic Community of Pittsfield is served by seven (7) priests. Five (5) are priests of the Diocese and two (2) are members of religious orders. There are nine (9) parishes and one (1) mission making for ten (10) church buildings in use. Two (2) of the parishes are so-called *National Parishes*: Holy Family (a national parish for persons of Polish descent) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel (a national parish for persons of Italian descent). All Souls Mission is a mission of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The parish of Notre Dame, a national parish for persons of French descent, was closed in 2004.

*For the distinction between the types of parishes see Introduction, p. xxi ff.*

The territorial parishes are: Sacred Heart; St. Charles Borromeo; St. Francis Xavier; St. Mark; St. Mary the Morning Star; St. Joseph; and St. Teresa. St. Mary and St. Francis are linked sharing a single pastor. St. Joseph and Holy Family parishes are linked sharing a single pastor as well. The other parishes each have their own resident pastor.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is served by a priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata (Stigmatines). The Stigmatine Provincial has informed Bishop



McDonnell that they are not in a position to be able to supply another Stigmatine priest when the current pastor retires.

St. Teresa's Parish is served by a priest of the Missionary Society of St. Columban (Columbans) who is temporarily ministering in the Diocese.

There are two Catholic schools in Pittsfield—St. Mark School and St. Joseph Central High School. Although once parish-operated schools, they have long been separated from their respective parishes and are governed and operated by the Diocesan Schools Office. The St. Mark School building is owned by the parish of St. Mark. The St. Joseph School building is owned by the Diocese. Pittsfield has a very active Catholic Youth Center.

There is a growing Hispanic community in Pittsfield. One of the city pastors, who is fluent in Spanish, tends to their ministerial needs. There is also a small Brazilian community in the city.

Pittsfield has one (1) hospital and five (5) nursing homes/extended care facilities. There is a House of Correction in the city. A Sister of St. Joseph is its chaplain and the pastor of St. Joseph Parish provides Mass on the weekend.

#### *The UMass Study Recommendations*

The UMass Study's population to priest ratio warrants four (4) priests for the Roman Catholic Community of Pittsfield by the year 2010. The UMass Study recommended that the parish of Holy Family and the parish of St. Mary the Morning Star be closed. The other parishes and the mission would, essentially, be linked such that the Catholic community of Pittsfield would be served by four (4) priests each serving two (2) parishes. (See Appendix A, pp. A20–A21.)

#### *The Listening Sessions*

Participants at both listening sessions strongly indicated that the UMass Study's recommended linking of parishes was unworkable. They felt that there was little to be gained and much to lose by the UMass approach. The priests would be burdened even further by shuttling between two parishes. Their city-wide financial sustainability would be enhanced only marginally by closing the two (2) parishes.

The Session 1 participants proposed two (2) options. One proposal was a five (5) parish–five (5) priest model. The second was a four (4) parish–five (5) priest model. All other parishes would be closed. The vast majority of participants at Session 2 favored the four (4) parish–five (5) priest model. It must be noted that pastoral planning has been much discussed by the priests and people of Pittsfield for at least a decade.

Furthermore, participants at both sessions indicated that changes for Pittsfield should be implemented as soon as possible. They were nearly unanimous in their





view that all mergers/closings should be announced at the same time in order to put an end to the uncertainty and allow the Roman Catholic Community of Pittsfield to grieve together, pray together, and move toward the future together. Participants also stressed that it would be imprudent to "phase-in" changes (for example, retain six (6) parishes and then move to five (5) or four (4) later on). Such a move, in their opinion, would only prolong the uncertainty and the pain.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### *Analysis*

The Committee's own analysis leads us to the same conclusion: that the current infrastructure of Catholic Community of Pittsfield is not sustainable. The community would be best sustained by reducing the number of parishes to four (4) and by assigning five (5) priests—four (4) pastors and one (1) parochial vicar. The parochial vicar should be stably assigned to one of the four parishes with the understanding that he will help the other pastors as is prudent.

While individual parish numbers are noted elsewhere, the Committee prefers to focus on city-wide implications.

- United States census figures show that the population in Pittsfield declined by 9.8% between reporting periods.
- Parish Annual Report numbers indicate that, from 2000 through 2006, the number of baptisms dropped while the number of funerals rose. There were, for this period, 1.7 times as many funerals than baptisms. All other sacramental numbers decreased city-wide during this period.
- During the three (3) years that the Diocese has been conducting head counts in all its Churches during October, attendance throughout Pittsfield declined 11.07%.

We recommend that the number of parishes in Pittsfield be reduced to four (4): Sacred Heart, St. Charles, St. Joseph, and St. Mark. These parishes are fairly evenly distributed around the city and are the church buildings with the highest seating accommodation.

The resulting savings in operating expenses as well as any revenue from the sale of property would put the remaining parishes in a secure financial state allowing them to fund programs and personnel, individually or jointly.

It seemed to the Committee that participants at both sessions were struggling with the pain, grief and loss that closing parishes brings as well as with the possibilities for the future that such change offers. Participants were very focused on providing for their youth. We believe that the changes proposed will afford the Roman Catholic Community of Pittsfield the sustained ability to provide for their



children, in a stable manner, well into the future.

*All of the recommendations above were accepted by  
the Bishop and implemented on 1 July 2008.*

# REGION 3

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LENOX

LENOX DALE

GREAT BARRINGTON

HOUSATONIC

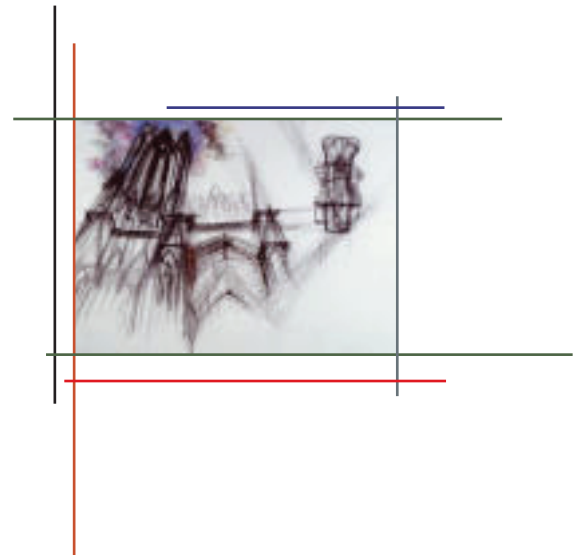
MONTEREY

NEW MARLBOROUGH

OTIS

SHEFFIELD

STOCKBRIDGE





## MAP OF REGION 3



**FIGURE 4:** Parishes within Region 3. Parishes labeled in all capital letters are those recommended to be retained unchanged. Parishes labeled in regular type are those recommended to be altered in some way either by closure, merger, or linking.



## REGION 3

*For a description of Session 1 & 2, see Introduction, p. xxix, ¶¶ 1.89-1.91)*

*For a description of merging and linking, see Introduction, p. xxiii, ¶¶ 1.46-1.53.)*

### **GREAT BARRINGTON AND HOUSATONIC**

*For the distinction between the types of parishes see Introduction, p. xxi ff.*

Region 3 is composed of the towns of South Berkshire County. It comprises the parishes and missions within the towns of Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, New Marlborough, Monterey, Otis, Sheffield, Stockbridge and West Stockbridge. This region is bordered immediately to the north by Region 2, to the east by Middlefield in Hampshire County, and Hampden County (Region 10) to the south by the Connecticut state line, and to the west by the New York state line. (See Figure 1, p. iv, and Figure opposite page.)

Session 1 was held at St. Joseph Church, Pittsfield on 16 October 2007. Session 2 was held on 9 February 2008 at St. Teresa's Church, Pittsfield with 117 parish representatives in attendance from both Region 1 and Region 3.

Currently the Roman Catholic community of South Berkshire County is served by four (4) priests. There is one priest in residence at St. Vincent de Paul in Lenox Dale. Until recently, St. Mary's in Lee has had a parochial vicar assigned to it.

There are nine (9) parishes and three (3) missions making for twelve (12) church buildings in use. One parish is a national parish for persons of Polish descent.

The region is very rural. It has, over time, become characterized by four (4) pastoral "centers" each with three (3) church buildings.

#### *The UMass Study Recommendations*

The UMass Study's priest/population ratio would warrant only three (3) priests for this area. It also recommended that an additional priest be assigned to this area if possible and that churches in close proximity consider merging into one parish in each town.

#### *The Listening Sessions*

Participants at each listening session were generally pleased with the current configuration of the area. A lot of the discussion focused on the need for greater lay involvement in ministry.

There are three (3) parishes in Great Barrington. St. Peter Parish near the center of town and All Saints and Corpus Christi parishes in the section of the town called Housatonic. All Saints is a national parish for persons of Polish descent. The parishes are linked with the pastor residing at St. Peter Rectory.

There is within Great Barrington one (1) hospital and three (3) nursing homes. There is a growing Latino community.



### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the current configuration of one (1) priest to serve the community of Great Barrington continue. However, All Saints and Corpus Christi are very close together. All Saints has a small population that could easily join with Corpus Christi's population to form a modest size single parish. We recommend, therefore, that the two (2) parishes in Housatonic village be merged into one (1) parish with one church building by 30 June 2009.

#### LEE, STOCKBRIDGE, OTIS

St. Mary in Lee is a parish with a resident pastor. It also operates a K-8 school. The pastor is responsible for the parish of St. Joseph in Stockbridge and the mission in Otis. The pastor also serves as the canonical pastor for the Monastery of the Visitation, a religious community of pontifical right, in Tyringham.

Lee has one (1) nursing home and also is home to a growing Hispanic community. Currently, a priest from Pittsfield—fluent in Spanish—celebrates Mass for them.

While the Berkshires is a summer tourist destination generally, the population of Otis swells to about 5,000 in the summer. These summer residents tend to have their own property and so stay for most of the summer. Availability of Mass for such a population is critical.

Stockbridge also sees a lot of tourism during the summer but this is mostly in the form of transient tourists who stay for a few days. St. Joseph Church is able to accommodate these visitors in addition to its resident population.

### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the present configuration remain in place. However, because of its modest seating capacity and proximity to Lee, St. Joseph in Stockbridge should become a mission of St. Mary by 30 June 2009.

#### LENOX, LENOX DALE, WEST STOCKBRIDGE

St. Ann Parish in Lenox has a resident pastor. He is also responsible for St. Vincent Parish in Lenox Dale, and St. Patrick Parish in West Stockbridge. Lenox has three (3) nursing homes.

It is estimated that the population of Lenox may decrease by 18% and the population of West Stockbridge decrease by 10% from the 2000 census by the year 2020.

### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the current configuration continue. However, if the number of priests serving South Berkshire County declines below expectations, then the



parish in Lenox Dale should be closed if the pastor is required to minister to an additional community.

**SHEFFIELD,  
MONTEREY, NEW  
MARLBOROUGH**

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Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Sheffield has two missions—Our Lady of the Hills in Monterey and Immaculate Conception in New Marlborough (also known as Mill River). Our Lady of the Hills Mission is only used during the summer tourist season.

*Analysis*

Of the four population centers with a resident pastor in Region 3, Our Lady of the Valley, together with its missions, has the fewest number of parishioners. It has, however, a good location indicator as it is the only parish in the southwest quadrant of the county.

**RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that the current configuration be maintained. However, if the number of priests drop below expected levels, Our Lady of the Valley could lose its resident priest.

**OVERALL  
RECOMMENDATION**

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When Route 57 is extended and/or should the state add an exit on Route 90, then these areas will likely experience a substantial population increase. The Diocese should then consider founding a parish, or at least a mission within the east-southeast area of the region.

*All of the recommendations above were accepted by  
Bishop McDonnell and implemented on 1 January 2009.*





# REGION 4

**CHARLEMONT**

**COLRAIN**

**CONWAY**

**GREENFIELD**

**MILLERS FALLS**

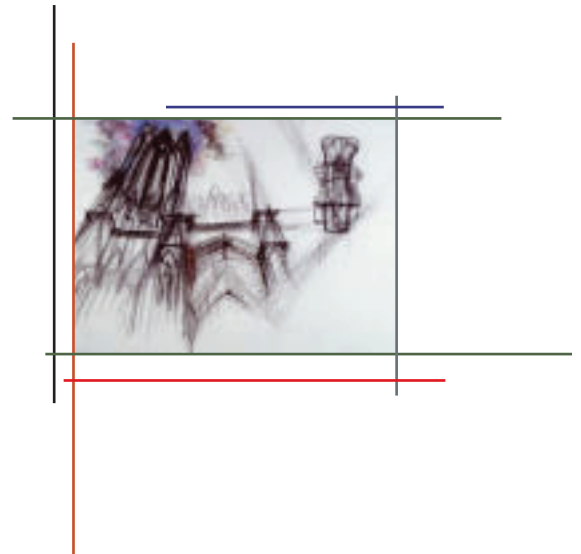
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**ORANGE**

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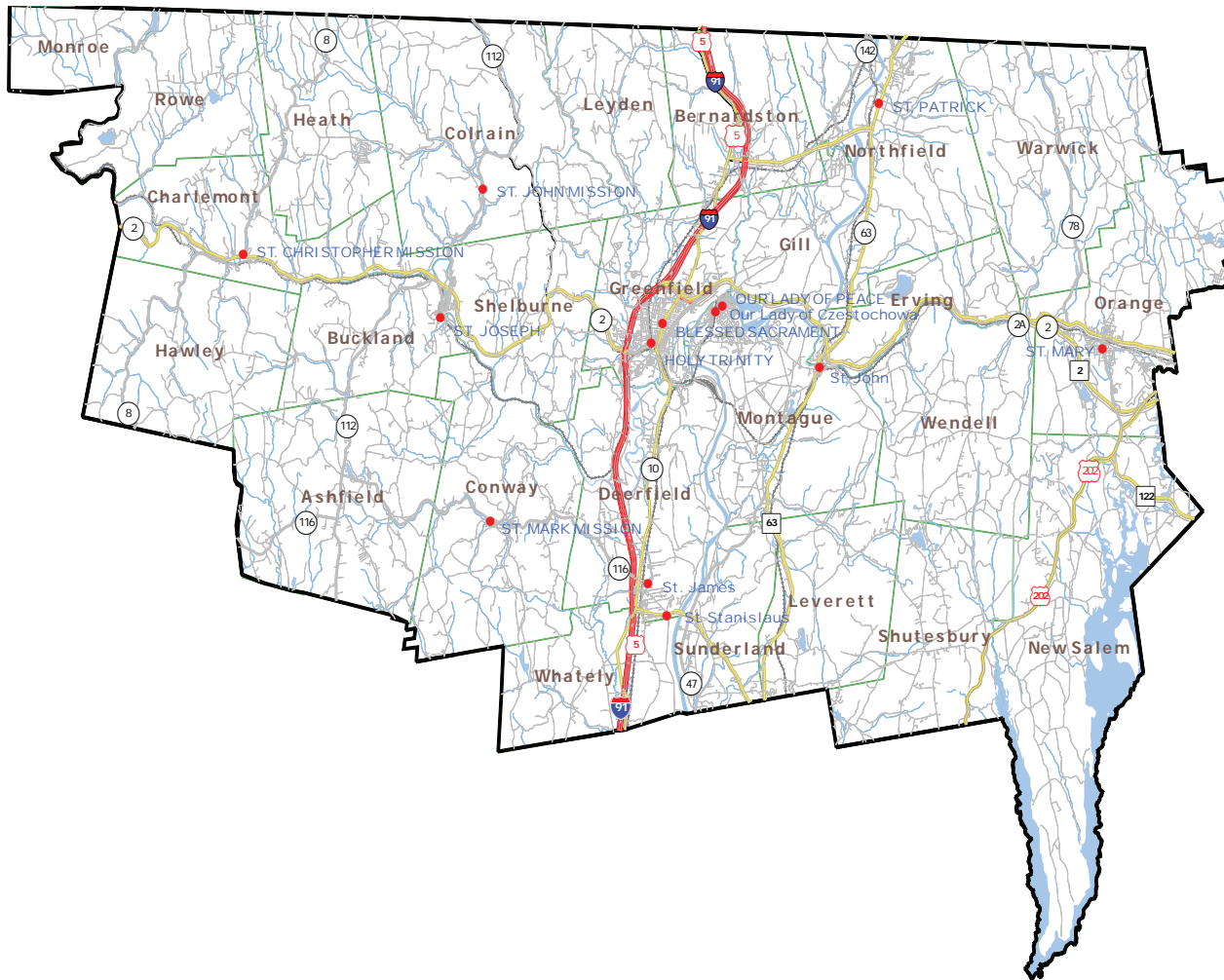
**SOUTH DEERFIELD**

**TURNERS FALLS**





## MAP OF REGION 4



**FIGURE 5:** Parishes within Region 4. Parishes labeled in all capital letters are those recommended to be retained unchanged. Parishes labeled in regular type are those recommended to be altered in some way either by closure, merger, or linking.



## REGION 4

*For a description of Session 1 & 2, see Introduction, p. xxix, ¶¶ 1.89-1.91)*

*For the distinction between the types of parishes see Introduction, p. xxi ff.*

*For a description of merging and linking, see Introduction, p. xxiii, ¶¶ 1.46-1.53.)*

Region 4 comprises the parishes and missions within the villages, towns and city of Franklin County. This region is bordered immediately to the north by the Vermont and New Hampshire state lines; to the south by Hampshire County; to the east by Worcester County, which is part of the Diocese of Worcester; and to the west by Berkshire County. (See Figure 1, p. iv, and Figure opposite page.)

Session 1 was held at Holy Trinity Church, Greenfield, on 4 February 2008.

Session 2 was held on 5 April 2008 at Holy Trinity School, Greenfield, with 100 parish representatives in attendance.

The Roman Catholic Community of this region is served by nine (9) priests. There are ten (10) parishes and three (3) missions utilizing thirteen (13) buildings. Two (2) parishes are national parishes for persons of Polish descent. All parishes but one (1), have a resident pastor. All missions are linked to parishes as described below.

The region is served by two (2) hospitals—one (1) in Greenfield one (1) in Athol, which is in Worcester County and part of the Worcester Diocese. There is one (1) long term and special care facility in Montague (Turners Falls). There are five (5) nursing homes in the region—three (3) in Greenfield, one (1) in Athol, and one (1) in Shelburne. There is one (1) jail in the region in Greenfield.

The region has one (1) Catholic school that is in Greenfield. The school is operated by the Diocese but the building and land are part of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

There are, in addition, four (4) private schools in the region located in Deerfield, Greenfield, and Northfield. There is one (1) community college in Greenfield.

### GREENFIELD

There are two (2) parishes in the city each with a resident pastor: Blessed Sacrament and Holy Trinity.

It is estimated that the population of Greenfield might decrease by 6% from the 2000 census by the year 2020.

#### *The UMass Study*

Corrected population numbers for Greenfield warrant one priest according to the 12,000 to one population to priest ratio used by the UMass Study. Both parishes appear to be financially stable.

The UMass study recommends, since it envisions one priest be assigned, that the parishes be linked as it will help to address the high population to priest ratio.

#### *The Listening Sessions*

At both sessions, the participants suggested that the current configuration in



the city of Greenfield remain. The participants at the first listening session drew attention to the need for the immediate area to have two priests so as to assist in coverage. They also indicated that the hospital, jail, nursing homes and Holy Trinity School are all in need of priestly ministry.

### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the parishes in Greenfield remain as presently configured.

### MONTAGUE (MILLERS FALLS AND TURNERS FALLS)

Montague is a town composed of five (5) villages. There are three (3) parishes within the town of Montague: Our Lady of Peace and Our Lady of Czestochowa in the village of Turners Falls and St John in the village of Millers Falls.

Our Lady of Peace is the territorial parish created by the merging in 2006 of three (3) parishes: St. Ann's, a parish for persons of French descent; St. Mary's, the territorial parish; and Sacred Heart in Greenfield, a national parish for persons of Polish descent. These parishes had been linked, sharing a pastor.

It is estimated that the population of Montague might increase by about 5% from the 2000 census by the year 2020.

#### *The UMass Study*

The study recommended that Our Lady of Peace be linked with St. Patrick Parish in Northfield. It also recommended that St. John Parish be linked with St. Mary Parish in Orange. These recommendations were made to assist in addressing the population to priest ratio that is too small.

#### *The Listening Sessions*

At both listening sessions concern was voiced about each UMass recommendation. Our Lady of Peace, having just completed a successful merging of three (3) parishes, believes that the newly formed community needs time to coalesce. The continued viability of St. John's Parish was questioned.

### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that Our Lady of Peace *not* be linked with St. Patrick, Northfield at the present time unless it becomes infeasible for the Diocese to maintain a resident pastor in Northfield. If that time should come, however, we recommend that the Diocese give consideration to assigning a deacon, religious, or layperson as administrator.

We also recommend that St. John in Millers Falls be closed as soon as is practicable.



In addition, we believe that the community in Turners Falls is best served by one (1) resident pastor. We recommend that the parishes in Turners Falls work toward the day when there is one (1) resident pastor.

### NORTHFIELD

Northfield, as the name implies, is at the very northern edge of Franklin County. St. Patrick Parish serves the faithful in that area as well as those who come to worship there from southern Vermont and southern New Hampshire.

It is estimated that the population of Northfield might increase by about 8% from the 2000 census by the year 2020.

#### RECOMMENDATION

St. Patrick has a very favorable location indicator from the UMass Study and for this reason, the study recommended that its current configuration as a stand alone parish with a resident pastor be maintained. We agree. If, as we discussed above concerning Turners Falls, it becomes infeasible for the Diocese to station a resident pastor there, then the question of linking Our Lady of Peace and St. Patrick should be reconsidered. If that time were to come, we recommend that a full-time administrator (permanent deacon, religious, or qualified layperson) be explored.

### ORANGE

St. Mary in Orange is on the eastern edge of Franklin County. It is financially stable. The area that it serves is geographically remote and therefore has a high location indicator according to the UMass Study.

It is estimated that the population of Orange might increase by about 1% from the 2000 census by the year 2020.

#### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that St. Mary in Orange remain as presently configured.

### SHELBURNE FALLS, CHARLEMONT, AND COLRAIN

The parish of St. Joseph in Shelburne Falls is, in area, the largest parish in the Diocese. Because of its size, it maintains two (2) missions: St. Christopher in Charlemont and St. John in Colrain.

It is estimated that the population of the area that the pastor of Shelburne Falls might increase by about 0.5%, that of Colrain, decrease by 0.33 %, and Charlemont increase by 10% from the 2000 census by the year 2020.

#### *The UMass Study*

The study recommended that the parish remain as presently configured owing to its size and because of its favorable location indicator.



its size and because of its favorable location indicator.

#### *The Listening Sessions*

At session 1, some suggested that both, or at least one mission be closed. The pastor, however, recommended strongly against closing both and was adverse even to closing one. At session 2 a few participants from the parish/mission community indicated that a case could be made for closing one of the missions.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Because the pastor was so cautionary about closing both or even one of the missions we recommend that his advice be honored. We note, however, that he has since retired and a new pastor has been assigned. We recommend that the incoming pastor be given the pastoral latitude to assess the mission question for himself in consultation with the affected communities.

#### **SOUTH DEERFIELD AND CONWAY**

There are two (2) parishes in South Deerfield: St. Stanislaus, a national parish for persons of Polish descent, and St. James, the territorial parish, to which is attached St. Mark Mission in Conway. The parishes have been linked for some time. They are actively working toward merging the two parishes into one, with a new name.

It is estimated that the population of South Deerfield might decrease by about 6% and that of Conway increase by 23% from the 2000 census by the year 2020.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

We endorse the initiative of merging the two parishes and recommend that the merger occur as soon as is practicable and into one set of buildings. We also recommend that St. Mark remain a mission of the resulting merged South Deerfield parish.

*All of the recommendations above were accepted by  
the Bishop and implemented on 1 January 2009.*

# REGION 5

**AMHERST**

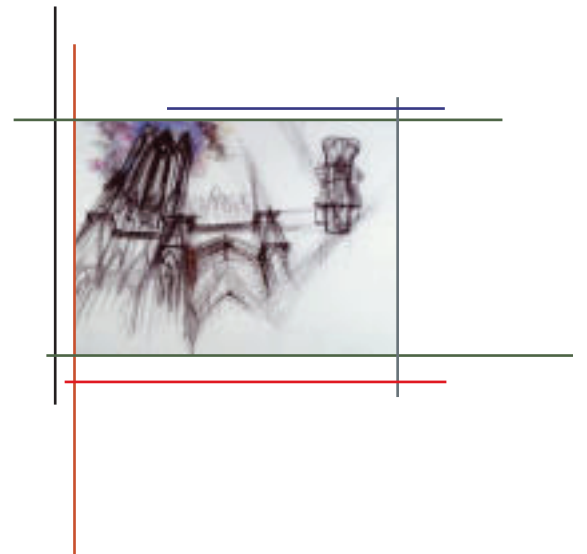
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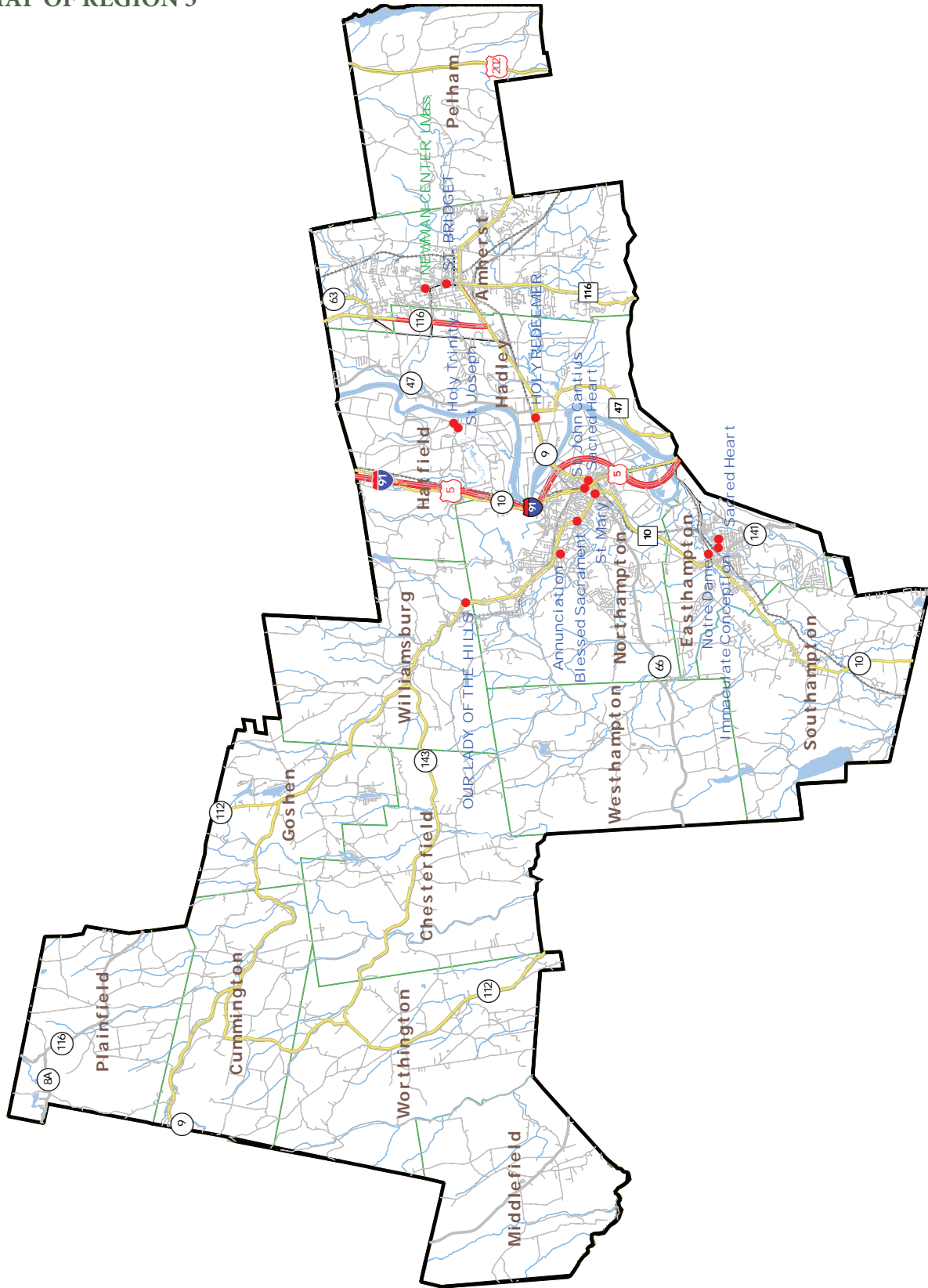
**HAYDENVILLE**

**NORTHAMPTON**





## MAP OF REGION 5



**FIGURE 6:** Parishes within Region 5. Parishes labeled in all capital letters are the parishes recommended to be retained unchanged. Those labeled in regular type are those recommended to be altered in some way either by closure, merger, or linking.





## REGION 5

Region 5 is composed predominately of the cities, towns and villages within Hampshire County. Those with parishes are the cities of Easthampton and Northampton; the towns of Amherst and Hadley; and the villages of Haydenville (a village of Williamsburg), and Florence (a village of Northampton). Those towns without parishes include Pelham, Plainfield, Southampton, Westhampton, and Worthington. Hampshire County communities excluded, because they are assigned to other regions, are Belchertown, Granby, Huntington, South Hadley and Ware.

The region is bordered on the north by Franklin County, on the east by the Franklin County towns of Shutesbury and New Salem, on the south by Hampden County and region 6, and in the west by Berkshire County. (See Figure 1, p. iv, and Figure opposite page.) It is roughly 376 square miles in area.

The parishes within this region are: Holy Trinity and St. Joseph in Hatfield; St. Brigid in Amherst; Our Lady of the Hills in Haydenville; Most Holy Redeemer in Hadley; Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary of the Assumption, Sacred Heart, and St. John Cantius in Northampton; Our Lady of the Annunciation in Florence; Notre Dame, Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception in Easthampton.

All are territorial parishes except Sacred Heart in Easthampton, a national parish for persons of Polish descent; Notre Dame in Easthampton, a national parish for persons of French descent; Holy Trinity in Hatfield, a national parish for persons of Polish descent; St. John Cantius in Northampton, a national parish for persons of Polish descent; and Sacred Heart in Northampton, a national parish for persons of French descent.

The parishes in Hatfield are linked, as are Sacred Heart and St. John Cantius in Northampton. There are currently 12 priests assigned to this region.

This region also includes the Newman Center on the campus of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. The Newman Center's ministry is focused on the students and faculty of the university and Amherst College. One diocesan priest is assigned to the Newman Center.

Hampshire County is notable for the presence within its borders of the "Five Colleges," comprising the University of Massachusetts flagship campus and four well-known private colleges: Amherst College, Amherst; Hampshire College, Amherst; Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley and Smith College, Northampton.

There is one community hospital, one Veterans Administration hospital, and one long-term care facility in Northampton. Seven nursing homes are located in this region. There is one House of Correction in the region, located in Northampton.



For a description of Session 1 & 2, see Introduction, p. xxix, ¶¶ 1.89-1.91)

Session 1 was held at Holy Trinity Parish Hall on 30 January 2008 at Holy Trinity Parish in Hatfield. Session 2 was held at Notre Dame-Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School on 26 April 2008 with about 130 participants in attendance.

#### *The UMass Study Recommendations*

Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator ratings for the parishes cover the complete range from 1 to 3. In general, financial indicators suggest that parishes in this region are not in financial difficulty.

The priest/population ratio suggests that there should be 8 priests assigned to this region. In order to achieve parity, the study recommended that some parishes be linked. These are Most Holy Redeemer in Hadley and Sacred Heart in Northampton; St. Mary and St. John Cantius in Northampton; and Blessed Sacrament, Northampton and Annunciation, Florence be linked. It would be necessary to break the link that already exists between Sacred Heart and St. John Cantius in Northampton.

The study further recommended that Easthampton have two (2) priests assigned to serve the three (3) parishes.

#### *The Listening Sessions*

### AMHERST

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St. Brigid is a parish with a resident pastor. The parish also serves the towns of Pelham, Shutesbury, New Salem, Leverett and Sunderland.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Maintain current configuration.

### HATFIELD

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There are two parishes in Hatfield sharing one priest. Following the listening session the two communities formed a committee for the purpose of planning to merge their two communities and utilize one set of buildings. We endorse this effort.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

We are aware that there is a committee that has been working diligently on merging the two communities. We recommend that the committee work with the Pastoral Planning Office to develop a final proposal. Therefore we recommend



that the two parishes be merged and consolidated into one set of buildings with a new name for the resulting parish.

**HADLEY**

Most Holy Redeemer Parish is the result of the merger in 1998 of Holy Rosary Parish, a national parish for persons of Polish descent, and St. John Parish, the territorial parish for the town and environs. It has a resident pastor.

Hadley is one town in the area that is growing in population. The Mullin Report recommended that Most Holy Redeemer be linked with Sacred Heart in Northampton. This recommendation is moot because of our recommendation for the city of Northampton below.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Maintain the current configuration.

**HAYDENVILLE**

Our Lady of the Hills Parish is the result of the merger of St. Mary Parish in Haydenville, a territorial parish and St. Catherine Parish in Leeds. It is the most western parish in the region. It serves the town of Williamsburg as well as Goshen, Whately, Chesterfield and Ashfield.

**RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that the current configuration be maintained.

**EASTHAMPTON**

*For the distinction between the types of parishes see Introduction, p. xxi ff.*

Currently, Easthampton is served by three (3) parishes, each with a resident pastor. Immaculate Conception is the territorial parish. Notre Dame and Sacred Heart are national parishes for people of French descent and of Polish descent respectively.

Following the listening sessions a group continued to meet, with the full knowledge and support of the pastors, to explore the possibility of merging the three parishes into one.

**RECOMMENDATION**

We endorse the efforts of the community to merge into one entity. We recommend that the group and pastors work with the Pastoral Planning Office to achieve the merger of the three parishes into one, with a new name, as soon as is practicable.

*For a description of merging and linking, see Introduction, p. xxiii, ¶¶1.46-1.53.)*

**NORTHAMPTON**

Following the listening session a group continued to meet to explore the possibilities for the future. After much consultation and deliberation they produced their own report, recommending, essentially, one parish with a chapel.



Building on this effort, the pastors of Northampton made their own proposal, in agreement with the lay group and recommending that the diocese investigate the possibility of a form of team ministry for the city. This matter has been referred to the bishop for study.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

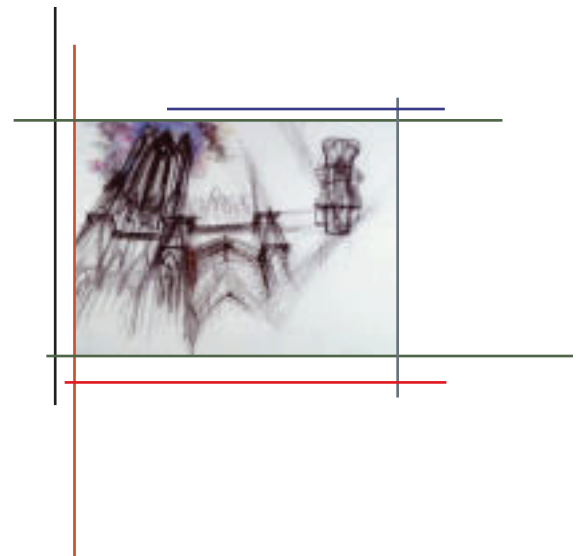
While endorsing an alternative ministerial model is outside our providence, we do enthusiastically support their proposal and its creativity. We, therefore, recommend that there be one parish, with a mission church, in Northampton. We believe that St. Mary is the appropriate parish to maintain, while merging the other parishes with it. We suggest that Annunciation in Florence would serve well as the chapel. We also recommend that the name of the resulting parish be changed and consideration be given to changing the name of the chapel.

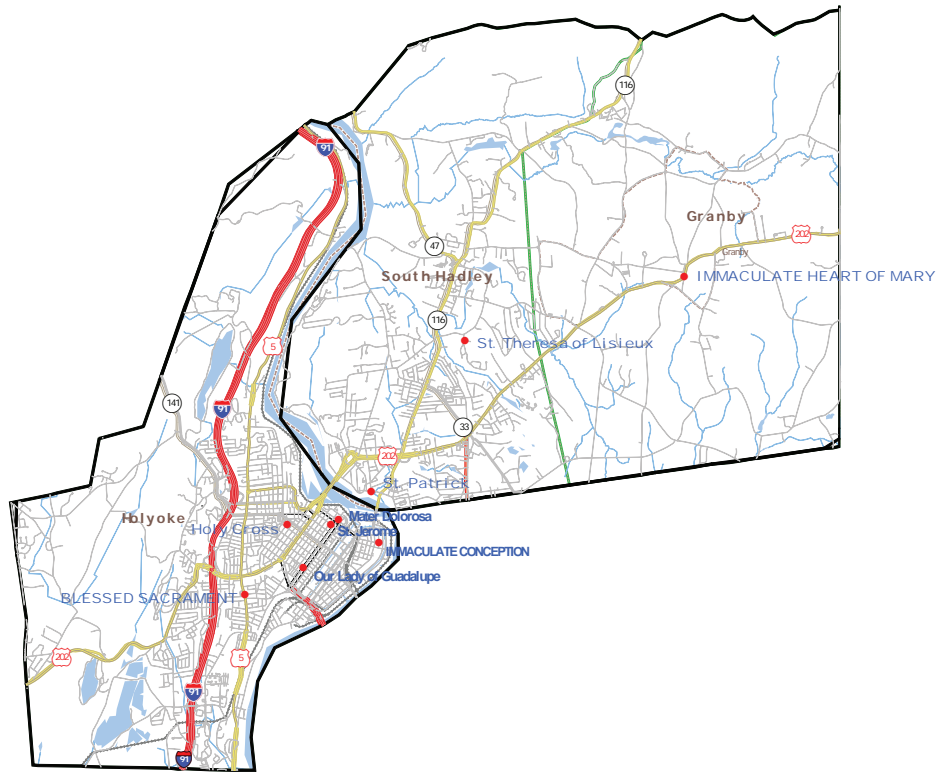
# REGION 6

HOLYOKE

GRANBY

SOUTH HADLEY





**FIGURE 7:** Parishes within Region 6. Parishes labeled in all capital letters are the parishes recommended to be retained unchanged. Those labeled in regular type are those recommended to be altered in some way either by closure, merger, or linking.



## REGION 6

*For a description of  
Session 1 & 2, see  
Introduction, p. xxix,  
¶¶ 1.89-1.91)*

Region 6 is comprised of the parishes within the city of Holyoke and the towns of South Hadley and Granby. This region is bordered by Region 5, Region 7, Region 8, and Region 10. (See Figure 1, p. iv, and Figure opposite page.)

Session 1 was held at Blessed Sacrament Parish on 28 June 2008 with about 60 people in attendance. Session 2 was held at the Elms College on 2 August 2008 with about 103 participants attending.

### *The UMass Study*

The Mullin Report recommends that five (5) priests be assigned to this region that currently has nine (9) priests assigned, three (3) of which are religious order priests.

## GRANBY

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Granby is served by one parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary, with a resident pastor.

### *The UMass Study Recommendation*

The study chose to leave Immaculate status unchanged. However, population numbers and location indicate linking is feasible.

### *The Listening Sessions*

The potential for eventual linkage with St. Francis of Assisi in Belchertown or with St. Theresa in South Hadley were discussed.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that Immaculate Heart of Mary parish remain as a stand alone parish as long as priests are available, due to its location and potential future residential development.

## HOLYOKE

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Currently the Catholic Community of Holyoke is served by six (6) parishes and seven (7) priests. Two (2) parishes are staffed by religious order priests: Mater Dolorosa, staffed by Order of Friars Minor Conventual (Franciscans), and Immaculate Conception, staffed by a priest from the Missionaries of LaSalette.

In addition, Jericho House functions as a spiritual center with exceptional children and adults, providing Eucharist and pastoral services to the community at large.

Four (4) religious orders of women have their central offices in Holyoke. They are: Daughters of the Heart of Mary, Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi, Sisters of Providence, and Sisters of St. Joseph.



*For the distinction between the types of parishes see*

*Introduction, p. xxi ff.*

Mater Dolorosa is a national parish for persons of Polish descent. This parish is under the care of two (2) Franciscan priests. All other parishes in Holyoke are territorial.

There are two (2) major medical facilities, and nine (9) institutions providing various elder care services.

#### *The UMass Study Recommendation*

The population numbers for Holyoke indicate that the city warrants three (3) priests. The study also recommends merging two parishes, Mater Dolorosa and Immaculate Conception, and linking Holy Cross Parish with St. Jerome Parish, as well as linking Blessed Sacrament Parish with Our Lady of Guadalupe.

#### *The Listening Sessions*

Participants at both sessions did not believe that the merger of Mater Dolorosa and Immaculate Conception was reasonable and that the scope and complexity of the parish mission at Mater Dolorosa warranted a stand alone status as long as order priests are available.

Participants also believe that due to its location and complex mission, Blessed Sacrament should remain as a stand alone parish with a resident pastor. However, there was general support for three (3) parishes for the Catholic Community of Holyoke.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The following configuration is recommended for the Catholic Community of Holyoke:

Blessed Sacrament should remain as a stand alone parish with a resident pastor because of its location and scope of responsibilities.

Holy Cross should be linked with Mater Dolorosa and staffed by the Franciscans. Our Lady of Guadalupe should be linked with St. Jerome.

Immaculate Conception should continue to function as a stand alone parish. If, in the future, the LaSalette Community can not supply a pastor, it is deemed essential that the parish should become a mission of the parish resulting from the merging of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Jerome parishes.

We believe that the situation in Holyoke is in a state of flux, making long range planning challenging. Further preparation is required regarding the overall needs of the Holyoke community. To that end, we recommend that the linked parishes remain so for a period of two (2) years after which the linked parishes should merge. That is to say that Holy Cross and Mater Dolorosa should merge and Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Jerome should merge. When Our Lady of Guadalupe

*For a description of merging and linking, see Introduction, p. xxiii, ¶¶1.46-1.53.)*





is merged with St. Jerome, the gym at Guadalupe should be retained as a community center.

## **SOUTH HADLEY**

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Currently the Catholic Community of South Hadley is served by two (2) parishes, each with a resident pastor. Both parishes are territorial and stable. There are two (2) facilities for elder services. Mount Holyoke College is located in the town.

### *The UMass Study Recommendation*

The population numbers for South Hadley indicate that the town warrants one (1) priest. The recommendation is to link the two parishes.

### *The Listening Sessions*

The discussion at the listening sessions led to the consideration of two linkages involving Immaculate Conception in Holyoke with St. Patrick in South Hadley and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Granby with St. Theresa in South Hadley.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

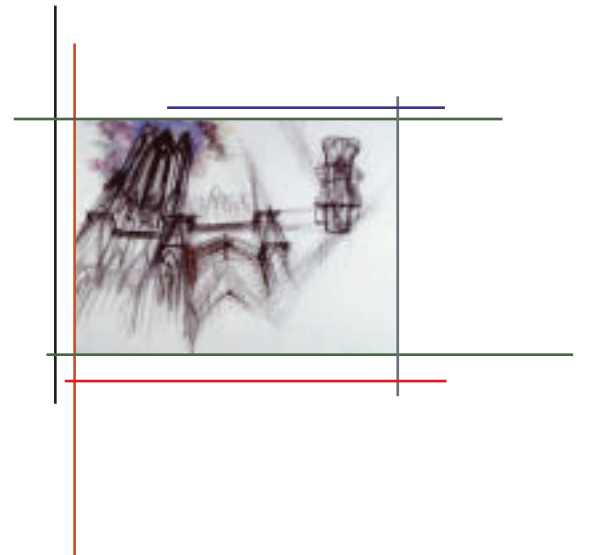
Because of the relationship of South Hadley and Holyoke, we recommend that St. Patrick and St. Theresa remain each with one (1) assigned priest for the next two years.



# REGION 7

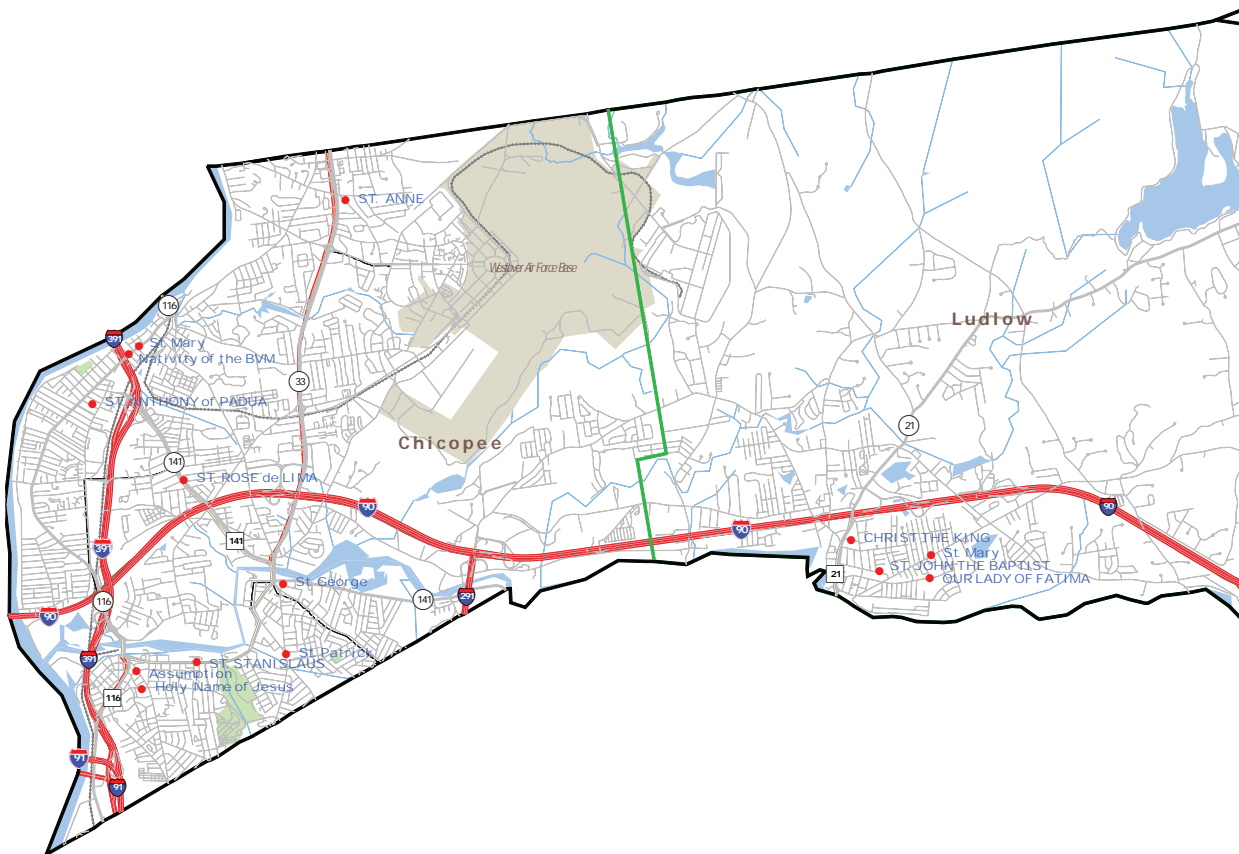
CHICOPEE

LUDLOW





## MAP OF REGION 7



**FIGURE 8:** Parishes within Region 7. Parishes labeled in all capital letters are the parishes recommended to be retained unchanged. Those labeled in regular type are those recommended to be altered in some way either by closure, merger, or linking.



## REGION 7

*For a description of Session 1 & 2, see Introduction, p. xxix, ¶¶ 1.89-1.91)*

Region 7 comprises the parishes within the city of Chicopee and the town of Ludlow. (See Figure 1, p. iv, and Figure opposite page.)

Session 1 was held at Elms College on 28 May 2008. Session 2 was held on 17 November 2007 also at Elms College with 124 parish representatives in attendance.

There are fourteen (14) parishes within the region. Nine (9) are national parishes.

Chicopee has three (3) Catholic grammar schools and one (1) Catholic high school as well as Elms College.

There is a large men's correctional facility in Ludlow and a women's correctional facility in Chicopee.

### CHICOPEE

#### *The UMass Report Recommendations*

The UMass Report recommended:

- St. Anne Parish and St. Mary Parish be linked;
- St. Anthony of Padua and Nativity be linked;
- St. Rose de Lima Parish and St. George Parish be linked;
- Assumption Parish and Holy Name Parish be linked;
- St. Patrick Parish and St. Stanislaus Parish be linked.

*For a description of merging and linking, see Introduction, p. xxiii, ¶¶ 1.46-1.53.)*

#### *The Listening Sessions*

During the listening session and in further conversations with the priests of the region, the sentiment that three or four parishes were all that were needed to serve the City of Chicopee was expressed to the committee. However, the committee felt, given the population of the city, the number of Catholics who regularly attend Mass in Chicopee, and the geography of the city, that five parishes are needed.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Close St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. This is a small parish in proximity to three other parishes. The parish is currently linked with Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. However, even if it were merged with Nativity, the resulting parish would still be relatively small. The committee feels that, given the clergy shortage, it would not be prudent to have a priest dedicated to this parish.

Close Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. The reasoning detailed above for St. Mary's also applies to this decision. The committee feels that by leaving St. Anthony of Padua Parish and St. Anne Parish in place, parishioners from the northwest section of the city could be adequately served following the closure of



the two Chicopee Street parishes.

Close St. George Parish. This parish also is small in terms of attendance. It has a large campus and aging facilities. We feel that the resources currently being expended at this parish could be used to serve the overall needs of the city in terms of providing the sacraments to Chicopee-area Catholics.

Close St. Patrick Parish. While St. Patrick Parish serves a larger number of Catholics than St. George does, it still, we feel, does not warrant a full-time priest. Furthermore, even if it were merged with nearby St. George Parish, the result would be to have six parishes for the city, something we feel is more than is needed to adequately serve Chicopee-area Catholics. The committee believes that parishioners of St. George Parish and St. Patrick Parish could, without considerable hardship, attend another area parish in the city.

Merge Assumption and Holy Name parishes. We recommend that the Holy Name facilities be utilized and that Assumption Church be utilized by Holyoke Catholic High School. One full-time pastor should serve the new parish. We further recommend that the pastor reside in the Assumption rectory. The parishes are currently linked, being served by one full-time pastor. This merger will eliminate the need to expend resources operating Assumption Church.

We do not recommend changes to the disposition of the following Chicopee parishes. Most of the parishes listed below are relatively large. All serve specific needs in the area and we believe that the ability to serve those needs would be compromised by any further reconfiguration at this time.

## LUDLOW

The Mullin Report further stated that, in Ludlow:

The four parishes (Christ the King, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary and Our Lady of Fatima) be served by “two resident pastors.”

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Merge St. Mary of the Assumption Parish with St. John the Baptist Parish. Utilize St. John’s facilities. Create a new name for the merged parish. The parish should be served by one pastor. The committee recommends this configuration because we feel that the combined population of each parish could be served by one full-time priest. We believe that there is a relatively high percentage of practicing Catholics in the town of Ludlow. However, we feel that four parishes are more than what is needed to adequately serve this population. Merging these two parishes would allow resources to be utilized in a more effective manner, benefiting area parishioners. Also, parishioners of each parish have worked together over the last several years, and a good relationship exists there currently.



Merge Christ the King Parish with Immaculate Conception Parish in Indian Orchard. Close Immaculate Conception Church. Create a new name for the merged parish. In addition to the current full-time pastor at Christ the King Parish, we recommend that a priest be assigned to the parish part-time to help accommodate the influx of former Immaculate Conception parishioners. There is an existing relationship between Immaculate Conception and Christ the King. Each parish is a national parish for people of Polish descent. The parishioners of each parish have been working together for years and practice many of the same Polish customs and traditions. Parishioners from each parish expressed at the listening session, that if a merger were necessary, this configuration would work well.

We do not recommend any reconfiguration at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. This is a large parish where ethnic heritage (large Portuguese population) is a major factor in the parish's worship and social life.

#### *Analysis*

There are currently fourteen (14) parishes served by ten (10) diocesan priests and four (4) Religious Order priests.

The above recommendations would utilize:

Four (4) diocesan priests and four (4) Religious Order priests to serve five (5) parishes in the city of Chicopee. These recommendations would utilize three (3) priests and three (3) parishes in the town of Ludlow.

For Region 7, this would mean that a total of nine (9) parishes would be served by nine (9) diocesan priests and four (4) Religious Order priests.





# **REGION 8**

**BELCHERTOWN**

**BONDSVILLE**

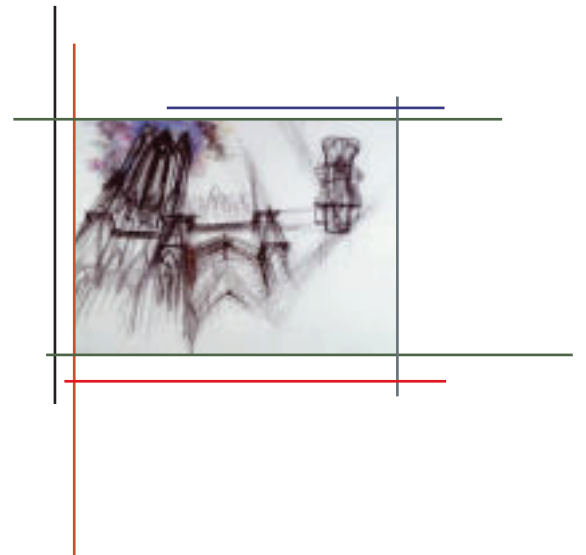
**BRIMFIELD**

**MONSON**

**PALMER**

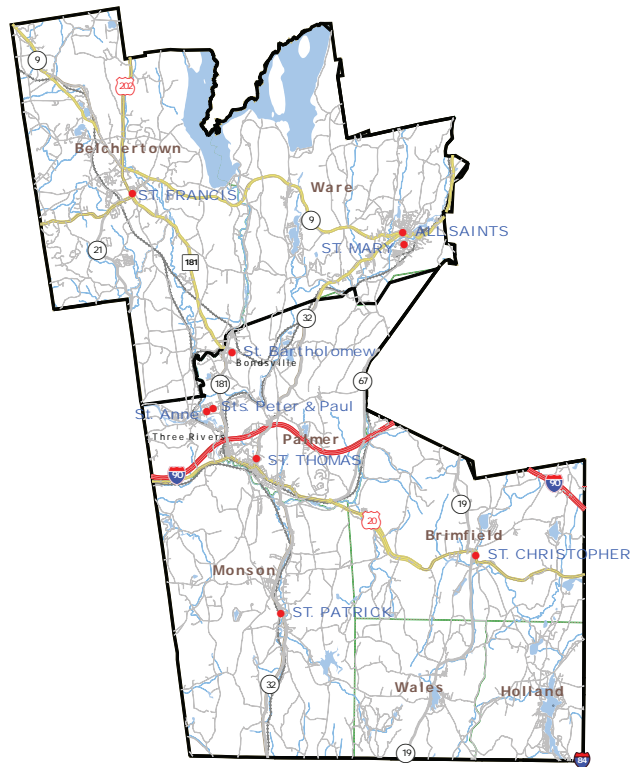
**THREE RIVERS**

**WARE**





## MAP OF REGION 8



**FIGURE 9:** Parishes within Region 8. Parishes labeled in all capital letters are the parishes recommended to be retained unchanged. Those labeled in regular type are those recommended to be altered in some way either by closure, merger, or linking.



## REGION 8

Region 8 is located in the south-east region of the diocese and is comprised of a mix of villages and towns within Hampshire and Hampden counties that have parishes or missions, specifically: Belchertown, Brimfield, Monson, Palmer, (including the villages of Bondsville and Three Rivers), and Ware. The region straddles two (2) counties: Belchertown and Ware are in Hampshire County and the remainder of the region is in Hampden County.

The region is bordered on the north by a portion of Region 4, and a part of Region 5, on the south by the state of Connecticut, on the east by the Diocese of Worcester, and on the west by Regions 5, 6, 7, and 9. (See Figure 1, p. iv, and Figure opposite page.)

There are nine (9) parishes served by seven (7) priests. All of the priests are diocesan. Two (2) of the parishes are national parishes.

There are two (2) community hospitals and one (1) nursing home in the region. The area is rural and is growing in population.

Session 1 was held at on 28 October 2008. Session 2 was held on 6 June 2009 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Ludlow with about 45 parish representatives in attendance.

*For a description of  
Session 1 & 2, see  
Introduction, p. xxix,  
(¶ 1.89-1.91)*

### BELCHERTOWN

#### *The UMass Study Recommendation and The Listening Sessions*

Both the UMass study and participants at the listening sessions recommend keeping the present configuration of one parish served by a resident pastor.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

We endorse the recommendation that the present configuration remain unchanged. The parish has a high location factor, and an acceptable priest/population ratio. We note for future consideration that the Belchertown area is growing in population.

### MONSON AND BRIMFIELD

There are two parishes within this cluster: St. Patrick Parish in Monson and St. Christopher Parish in Brimfield. The pastor resides at St. Patrick.

#### *The UMass Study recommendation and The Listening Sessions*

Both the UMass study and participants at the listening sessions endorsed maintaining the current configuration.



## RECOMMENDATION

We concur that the current configuration be maintained. The location factors for both parishes are high and the priest/population ratio is acceptable given the high location factor.

### PALMER (BONDSVILLE, THREE RIVERS)

There are four (4) parishes in Palmer: St. Thomas and St. Bartholomew that are currently linked with a resident pastor living at St. Thomas, and St. Anne and Sts. Peter and Paul parishes that are currently linked with a resident pastor residing at St. Anne Parish.

#### *The UMass Study Recommendation and the Listening Sessions*

The study recommended that the current configuration be maintained. Participants at both listening sessions seemed to endorse the current configuration.

#### *Analysis*

Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Anne are currently linked with a resident pastor. St. Anne's is a national parish for persons of French descent and Sts. Peter and Paul is a national parish for persons of Polish descent. They are very close to one-another—about half mile—and on the same street, and so the location factor is not very high. The priest/population ratio indicates that one (1) priest is warranted.

St. Bartholomew and St. Thomas are currently linked. St. Bartholomew Parish is within two (2) miles of Sts. Peter and Paul in Three Rivers and three (3) miles of St. Thomas and so has a low location factor. St. Bartholomew has only one Mass on the weekend.

## RECOMMENDATION

#### *Three Rivers*

We recommend that St. Anne and Sts. Peter and Paul parishes merge and utilize one set of parish buildings. We also recommend that the name of the resultant parish be changed.

#### *Palmer and Bondsville*

We recommend that St. Thomas remain as currently configured with a resident pastor and that St. Bartholomew should be merged with it and the St. Bartholomew church building be closed.

*For the distinction between the types of parishes see Introduction, p. xxi ff.*

*For a description of merging and linking, see Introduction, p. xxiii, ¶¶1.46-1.53.)*

### WARE

There are two (2) parishes in Ware: St. Mary and All Saints. Each has a resident pastor. St. Mary also operates a Catholic school. St. Mary is a national parish for persons of Polish descent. All Saints is territorial.



*The UMass Study Recommendation and The Listening Sessions*

The study recommended that the two parishes be linked, while the listening sessions recommended that the current configuration be maintained.

*Analysis*

Both of these parishes show growing numbers of parishioners in attendance and the head count numbers for each parish are large enough to require a priest for each parish. We also note that the overall population of the area is showing growth.

**RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend keeping the current configuration of two parishes, each with a resident pastor.



# REGION 9

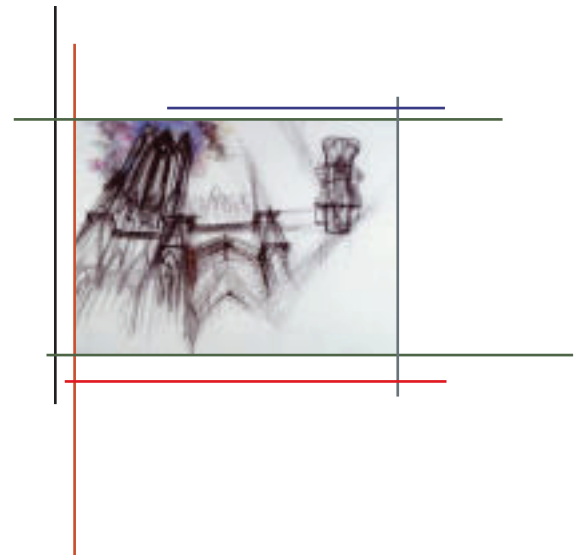
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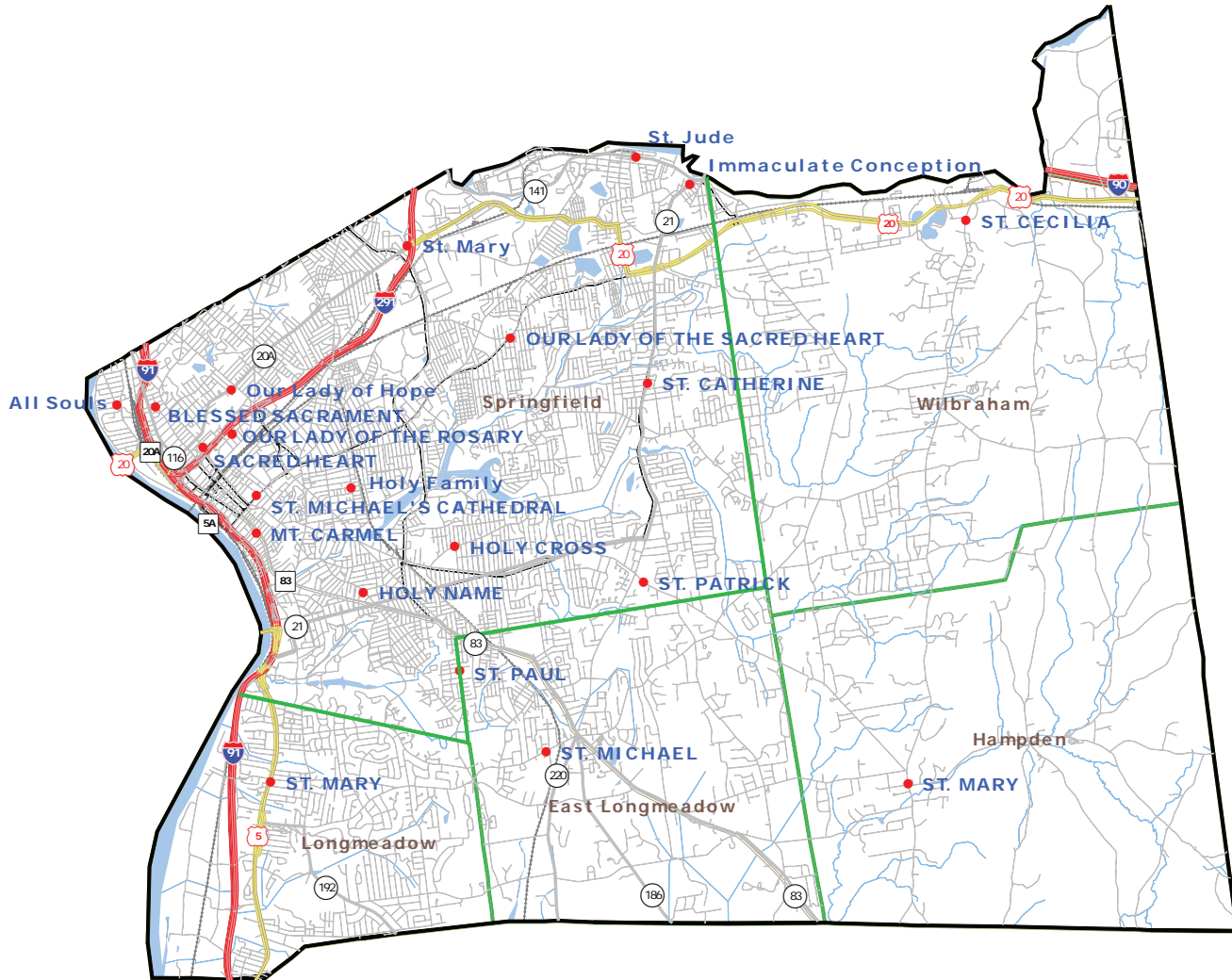
**SPRINGFIELD**

**WILBRAHAM**





# MAP OF REGION 9



**FIGURE 10:** Parishes within Region 9. Parishes labeled in all capital letters are the parishes recommended to be retained unchanged. Those labeled in regular type are those recommended to be altered in some way either by closure, merger, or linking.





## REGION 9

Region 9 comprises the parishes within the city of Springfield, and the towns of East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow, and Wilbraham. This region is bordered immediately by Region 7 to the north, by Region 8 to the east, by the State of Connecticut to the south and by the Connecticut River to the west. (See Figure 1, p. iv, and Figure opposite page.)

*For a description of Session 1 & 2, see Introduction, p. xxix, ¶¶ 1.89-1.91)*

Session 1 was held at St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield on 26 February 2008. Session 2 was held on 17 November 2008 at St. Mary's Parish, Springfield only for the parishes from Springfield, with about 196 participants, and on 16 May 2009 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Ludlow for the remaining parishes with about 50 persons in attendance.

*For the distinction between the types of parishes see Introduction, p. xxi ff.*

There are eighteen (18) parishes in this region all but three (3) are territorial parishes. The national parishes are: Our Lady of the Rosary, and Immaculate Conception, for persons of Polish descent; and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, for persons of Italian descent. All are in Springfield.

There are four (4) hospitals and eight (8) nursing homes in the region. There are five (5) colleges in the region. There is a full-time Catholic chaplain at Springfield College, and a part-time chaplain for Western New England College.

The Catholic schools within the city of Springfield underwent their own planning process the result of which is St. Michael's Academy, utilizing the former Holy Cross School and part of Cathedral High School. Cathedral High School has been extensively reconfigured.

### *The Mullin Report*

The UMass Study recommended that:

*For a description of merging and linking, see Introduction, p. xxiii, ¶¶ 1.46-1.53.)*

St. Jude Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish link and be served by one resident pastor; St. Mary Parish and Our Lady of Hope Parish merge; Holy Family Parish and St. Michael's Cathedral Parish merge; and All Souls Parish and Blessed Sacrament Parish merge.

### *The Listening Sessions (for Springfield)*

While there was general agreement on the need for some reconfiguration there was no general agreement on which parishes should be consolidated. During Session 1 mention was made of the "Carew Street Corridor" and the need to reduce the number of parishes, but there was no indication of which ones to alter.

During Session 2, there was widespread feeling that Christ the King in Ludlow and Immaculate Conception in Springfield might be merged. It was pointed out that at present, or recently at least, they shared some parts of their religious education



programs.

Additionally, during Session 2, there was a measure of agreement that All Souls and Blessed Sacrament could be merged.

#### *Analysis*

There are presently seventeen (17) diocesan priests assigned to parishes in this region. In addition there are five (5) order priests: two (2) from the Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata (Stigmatines), two (2) from the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) and one (1) from the Missionary Society of St. Columban (Columbans). There are two (2) diocesan priests in residence not assigned to parish ministry but engaged in important work for the diocese.

## SPRINGFIELD

Many parishes in the Springfield Region, we felt, did not appear to need changes in the near term. Therefore, we focused our attention on the following parishes.

- *All Souls and Blessed Sacrament*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

All Souls Parish and Blessed Sacrament Parish should work toward the day when there is one parish utilizing one set of buildings. The rectory at All Souls should remain as a residence for the priest(s) serving Blessed Sacrament.

- *Immaculate Conception*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Merge Immaculate Conception Parish with Christ the King Parish in Ludlow. Close Immaculate Conception Church.

- *St. Jude*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

St. Jude Parish should cease to be a parish and should become a mission of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish. St. Jude Church should remain open with a limited number of Masses/sacraments to be celebrated there. A Spanish-speaking Mass and an English-speaking Mass should be retained at the St. Jude Mission.

- *St. Mary and Our Lady of Hope*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Merge St. Mary (Springfield) and Our Lady of Hope parishes and utilize the St. Mary facilities. Create a new name for the merged parish. We recommend that the parish be served by one full-time priest.



- *Holy Family*

**RECOMMENDATION**

Close Holy Family Parish and church. We recommend that the current Holy Family rectory be retained and used as a community outreach center. This facility should become the responsibility of the diocese.

- *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*

**RECOMMENDATION**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish to remain open as long as the Stigmatine Order priests are assigned to staff it. The parish would need to be restructured if the religious order priests leave.

- *Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and St. Catherine of Siena*

**RECOMMENDATION**

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and St. Catherine of Siena parishes should work toward the day when they may be linked and served by one full-time priest. The current average attendance for both parishes is now below 1,700, which, we feel, is too high for a linking with one priest. However, if total attendance goes down, to perhaps about 1,200 over the next several years, we believe a linkage should then occur.

The city of Springfield is also served by the St. Francis of Assisi Center on Bridge Street, a diocesan center staffed by two religious order priests (Redemptorists). Masses are offered there daily and many diocesan offices are located in the building. The Redemptorists recently extended their contract with the diocese for another three years, so they will be staffing the center at least until 2011. We do not recommend any changes to this facility.

The above recommendations would utilize:

12 full-time diocesan priests and one part-time diocesan priest. There would also be four Religious Order priests ministering in the city.

HAMPDEN, EAST  
LONGMEADOW,  
LONGMEADOW, AND  
WILBRAHAM

**RECOMMENDATION**

We concur with the recommendation of the UMass Study and the participants at both listening sessions that all other parishes in region 9 retain their current configurations



# **REGION 10**

**AGAWAM**

**CHESTER**

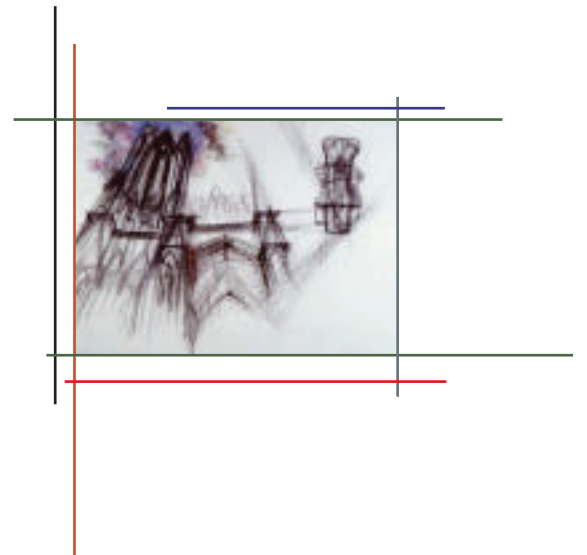
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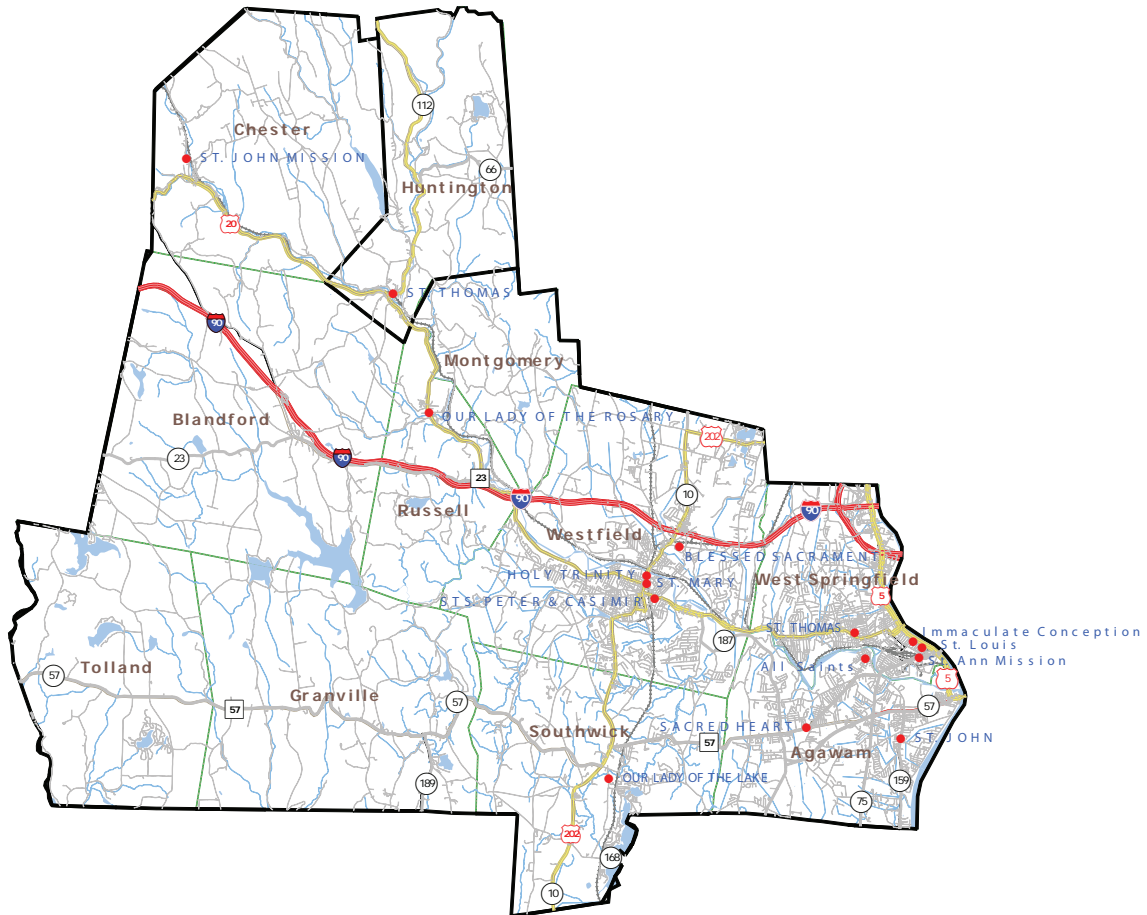
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## MAP OF REGION 10



**FIGURE 11:** Parishes within Region 10. Parishes labeled in all capital letters are the parishes recommended to be retained unchanged. Those labeled in regular type are those recommended to be altered in some way either by closure, merger, or linking.



## REGION 10

*For a description of  
Session 1 & 2, see  
Introduction, p. xxix,  
¶¶ 1.89-1.91)*

Region 10 comprises the parishes within the cities of Agawam, Westfield and West Springfield as well as the towns of Chester, Russell and Southwick in Hampden County and the town of Huntington that is in Hampshire County. This region is bordered immediately to the north by Region 5 (Northampton), Region 6 (Holyoke and South Hadley) and Region 7 (Chicopee and Ludlow), to the east by the Connecticut River, to the south by the Connecticut state border, and to the west by Berkshire County. (See Figure 1, p. iv, and Figure opposite page.)

Session 1 was held at St. Thomas the Apostle School, West Springfield, on 20 November 2007. Session 2 was held on 26 January 2008 at St. Mary's High School, Westfield, with 145 parish representatives in attendance.

### AGAWAM

*For the distinction  
between the types  
of parishes see  
Introduction, p. xxi ff.*

Currently the Catholic community of Agawam is served by three (3) parishes with two (2) resident priests.

St. John the Evangelist is a parish with a resident pastor. Sacred Heart also has a resident priest. All Saints is a parish formed in 2000 from the merger of St. Anthony, a national parish for persons of Italian descent, and St. Therese, a national parish for persons of French descent.

There are eight (8) institutions providing various elder care services.

#### *The UMass Study Recommendations*

Population numbers for Agawam indicate that this city warrants two (2) priests. The study recommends that the current configuration be maintained.

#### *The Listening Sessions*

Participants at both sessions recognized that All Saints could ultimately be closed and the parishioners absorbed by the remaining Agawam parishes.

### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that All Saints Parish and its two (2) church buildings be closed by 1 January 2009 and the remaining Agawam parishes reconfigured accordingly.

### WESTFIELD

The Catholic community in Westfield is served by nine (9) priests; six (6) are priests of the Diocese and two (2) are members of the Missionaries of LaSalette religious order. There is one priest from outside the diocese stationed at St. Mary Parish.

There are four (4) parishes within the city, two (2) of which are a national parishes. There are two (2) hospitals and three (3) nursing homes in the city. In addition



there is one (1) detention center. There is one (1) state college within the city. There is a diocesan priest assigned as chaplain.

The territorial parishes are Blessed Sacrament, and St. Mary. St. Peter/St. Casimir is a national parish for persons of Slovak and persons of Lithuanian descent. Holy Trinity is a national parish for persons of Polish descent and is staffed by priests of the Missionaries of LaSalette.

Blessed Sacrament is in the process of building a new church, the land of the former church being seized by eminent domain by the state. The new church will be in the northeast quadrant of the city. It will serve the faithful in that area as well as the faithful from Southampton and Westhampton. During the period of construction, a parochial vicar is assigned to the parish. Once the construction and transition is complete, the parish will return to being served by one priest.

St. Mary Parish is served by two (2) priests. The parish operates a K-8 school as well as a high school. There is a growing Latino population. They have their own pastoral council and ministerial needs are satisfied by a Peruvian priest who is in residence.

#### *The UMass Study Recommendations*

The study recommends four (4) priests serve the city, based upon the population to priest ratio utilized. The report also recommended that St. Peter/St. Casimir parish be linked to St. Mary's and that Holy Trinity should close.

#### *The Listening Sessions*

Participants at both sessions did not believe linking a parish to St. Mary was wise due to the population of the parish and the complexity of its mission. Linking was viewed as a precursor to merging which would ultimately be impractical.

Participants also believed that Holy Trinity should remain as long as the LaSalette order could station priests there.

The closing of St. Peter/St. Casimir was seen as detrimental to the over-all community, both because of its location and its size.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that all parishes in Westfield remain as currently configured as long as the number of diocesan priests available for assignment does not fall beneath projections. If it does, then we recommend that St. Peter/St. Casimir be considered for closing. We also recommend that Holy Trinity remain as long as the LaSalette order can staff the parish.

*For a description of merging and linking, see Introduction, p. xxiii, ¶¶1.46-1.53.)*

West Springfield is served by three (3) parishes and one (1) mission.





St. Thomas the Apostle is a territorial parish that operates a K-8 school. It is among the largest parishes in the Diocese. The parish is served by two (2) priests: a pastor and an associate pastor.

Immaculate Conception Parish and St. Louis de France Parish are linked with the pastor residing at Immaculate Conception. St. Louis is a national parish for persons of French descent.

St. Ann Mission is staffed by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Springfield. Mount Carmel is a national parish, and so by extension St. Ann is a mission for persons of Italian descent. The parish and mission are served by priests of the Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata (Stigmatines). The Stigmatine provincial has indicated to Bishop McDonnell that, because of their own low numbers, its ability to staff the parish/mission with a sufficient number of priests relative to the demands of their current ministry was in jeopardy. Previously, there had been a resident priest at St. Ann Mission. The order can no longer continue to have a resident priest at St. Ann Mission. In 2007 the order decided to close the mission. Because the Diocese faces its own clergy shortage, Bishop agreed. Final decision was put off pending the result of the pastoral planning process for this region.

#### *The UMass Study Recommendation*

The study's priest to population ratio indicates that the Catholic community in West Springfield warrants three (3) priests. No changes were recommended to the current configuration.

#### *The Listening Sessions*

Participants at both sessions offered options that were discussed by the committee. West Springfield was viewed as a two (2) parish city with three (3) assigned priests. St. Thomas having two (2) and the third being assigned to the area with Immaculate Conception, St. Louis and St. Ann. There was a recognition that only one of the churches in this area be retained. The cost of supporting three church buildings is a heavy drain on the limited resources of the area.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The committee's own analysis leads us to the conclusion that the Catholic community of West Springfield would best be served by having two (2) parishes within the city. The Diocesan Building Consultant made a study of all three (3) church buildings and related buildings. The three facilities were reviewed by the committee in detail as to condition, location and size. As a result, it is apparent to us that retaining Immaculate Conception as the parish for this area is the best option. We recommend that St. Louis de France and St. Ann Mission be closed on or before 1 January 2009.



We strongly advise that there be a new name for this parish and that it strive to incorporate the cultural heritage of the former parish/mission communities.

### SOUTHWICK

Our Lady of the Lake is a parish with a resident pastor. Due to its geographical location and the potential for growth, the UMass study gave it a favorable location indicator.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that Our Lady of the Lake remain as currently configured.

### CHESTER, HUNTINGTON AND RUSSELL

This cluster of towns is served by two (2) parishes and one (1) mission. They are linked, with the resident pastor residing in Russell. The parishes are St. Thomas in Huntington and Our Lady of the Rosary in Russell. St. John in Chester is a mission of St. Thomas. Although the population served is small, and there is a financial strain, the geographical location predicates the presence of a resident priest as long as personnel are available.

It is estimated that the population of Huntington and Chester may increase by 6% each and that of Russell may decrease by 4% from the 2000 census by the year 2020.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that this cluster remain as currently configured unless the number of available diocesan priests declines beyond projections. If that were to occur, we recommend that an alternative staffing arrangement be considered.

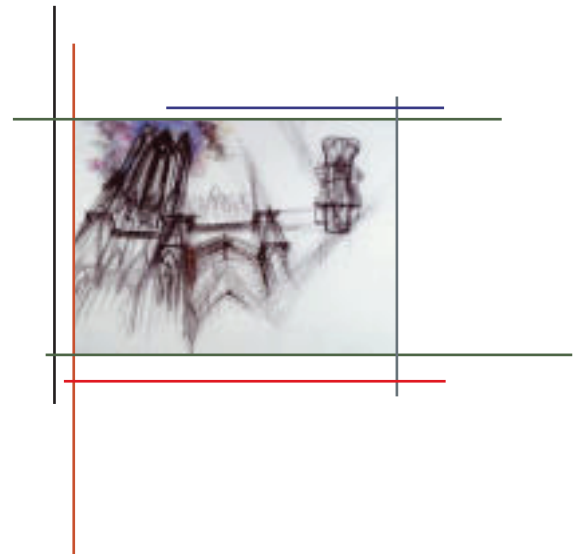
*All of the recommendations above were accepted by the Bishop and implemented on 1 January 2009.*

# **APPENDIX A**

**PARISH ANALYSIS  
FOR THE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
OF  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

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## Introduction

In 2004, the Diocese of Springfield instituted a comprehensive planning process with the goal of determining how it can best serve the parishioners of Western Massachusetts in the coming decades. The need to undertake this planning initiative was based on important trends that will have a significant impact on both the Diocese and its parishes. These trends include the shifting of populations within Western Massachusetts, an anticipated decline in the number of pastors available to serve parishes, and financial considerations. The Diocese of Springfield requested a planning study by the Center for Economic Development (CED) that would provide a set of recommendations for configuring parishes in ways that would assist in addressing these trends. The main objective of the study conducted by CED was to provide an objective set of recommendations that would serve to inform discussions concerning the future configuration of parishes within the Diocese.

The recommendations for configuring parishes in this report are based on an analysis of a set of indicators that were determined by the Center for Economic Development in consultation with the Diocese of Springfield. These indicators were selected based on their ability to identify important characteristics of individual parishes, including parishioner attendance, the ratio of baptisms to funerals, the ratio of pastors to community population, weekly offertory trends, and debt to the Diocese. The indicators were utilized to provide a rationale for the recommended configurations (no action, linking, merging, or suppression) of individual parishes. In addition, the present configuration of parishes (linkages) and the proximity of parishes were factors that influenced configuration recommendations. In an effort to limit disruption for current parishioners, present linkages among parishes were maintained wherever possible.

This report presents one possible set of configurations for parishes based on a limited set of indicators. The recommendations in this report are not intended to be viewed as a final set of recommendations for configuring parishes in the Diocese of Springfield. On the contrary, the recommendations in this report are intended to be viewed as a starting point for further discussions on how best to configure parishes to meet the needs of parishioners in Western Massachusetts. From the beginning of this planning process, the Diocese of Springfield has maintained that the difficult decisions regarding the future configuration of parishes can only be achieved through an open and honest dialogue among the three primary stakeholders in this planning process: the Diocese, pastors, and the parishioners of Western Massachusetts.



## **Section I: Indicator Descriptions**

The following section describes the indicators utilized to conduct this analysis. A description of each indicator and its accompanying scale is provided. The information in this section serves as a key to interpret the color-coded indicator values on the regional maps.

## Indicators

### Purpose of Indicators

The process utilized to determine the recommended status (no action, merge, link, or suppress) of each parish is guided by a set of indicators developed in consultation with the Diocese of Springfield. One of the conditions for this analysis set by the Diocese was the requirement that the recommended status of a parish not be determined solely on the basis of a single indicator. The rationale for this requirement is based on the belief that an individual indicator, viewed in isolation, cannot provide sufficient information for determining a parish's status. Instead, each parish's set of indicators should be viewed in their totality in order to provide a general rationale for assigning a recommended status. Numerous types of indicators were developed and considered for this analysis. Ultimately, the final set of indicators selected for the analysis were chosen based on the indicators' ability to support the institutional mission of the Diocese and address the current and future challenges the Diocese is confronting, including a continuing decline in parishioner numbers and an anticipated decline in the number of active priests to minister to parishes.

#### 1). Population/Priest Ratio Indicator (P/PRI)

The Diocese anticipates having a total of sixty-five active priests to meet the needs of all parishioners in Western Massachusetts in 2010. This anticipated number of priests is significantly lower than the ninety priests that are currently active in the Diocese. In order to ensure an equitable distribution of priests throughout the Diocese, the Population/Priest Ratio (PPR) indicator was developed. The following calculations were used to determine the number of community members each priest would be responsible for if the population of Western Massachusetts was divided evenly among the total number of anticipated priests in 2010.

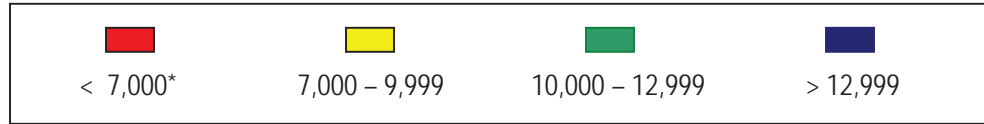
$$\frac{\text{Total population of Western Massachusetts*}}{\text{Anticipated number of priests in 2010}} = \text{Population served by each priest}$$

$$\frac{820,459}{65} = 12,622$$

Based on the above calculations, each priest should minister to a population of approximately 12,000 (See Population Calculations in the Appendix for description of how the Population/Priest Ratio was calculated for individual parishes).

\* Calculations are based on population data from the 2004 U.S. Census. Total population was chosen because there are no reliable census figures for each parish. In addition to their duties toward parishioners, priests have as part of their responsibility the charge to "make every effort to bring the gospel message to those also who have given up religious practice or who do not profess the true faith."(Canon 528, §1.)

Population to Priest Ratio status is represented by the following scale on the Analysis Maps



\* Population served by priest

## 2). Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator (CP/GSI)

The Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator was developed with the purpose of supporting the Diocese’s mission of ministering to Catholics throughout Western Massachusetts. This indicator is an attempt to ensure that parishioners located in rural or less densely populated areas retain access to the services provided by the Church. Although rural or remote parishes may need to be linked to other parishes in more densely populated areas, maintaining a presence in rural and remote communities supports the Diocese’s mission of ministering to all Catholics in Western Massachusetts. In terms of parishioner access to churches, the goal of the Diocese is to limit travel times for current and future parishioners in Western Massachusetts to a maximum of twenty-five minutes.


Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator status is represented by the following scale on the Analysis Maps.

### Status 1

Parish is located in a remote/rural area far from a population center and is the sole parish within a municipality. If the parish were suppressed, displaced parishioners would have difficulty attending services and receiving basic services provided by the Church.

### Status 2

Parish is located in a relatively remote/rural area of low density. In general, another parish is present within the municipality, or in an adjacent municipality. Although suppressing the parish would result in an increase in travel time for displaced parishioners to attend services at another parish, other parishes in the region could meet the needs of displaced parishioners.

Status 3 

Parishes in this category are typically located within population centers and parish clusters (Pittsfield Parish Cluster, Holyoke Parish Cluster, Springfield Parish Cluster). If the parish were suppressed, other parishes in close proximity could accommodate displaced parishioners with minimal increases in travel times.

### 3). Baptisms/ Funerals Ratio Indicator (B/FRI)

The Baptisms/Funerals Ratio Indicator was developed to provide a general understanding of parishioner population trends for individual parishes. The indicator is meant to suggest whether a parish's parishioner population is relatively stable (baptisms and funerals are approximately equal), growing (baptisms significantly exceed funerals), or declining (funerals significantly exceed baptisms). The ability of the B/FRI to accurately predict population trends is clearly limited based on its inability to account for individuals and families moving into communities and joining parishes in which they were not baptized. Due to the inherent limits of this indicator, it must be interpreted with caution. The counts used to calculate the B/FRI are based on a six-year average of baptisms and funerals for each parish (2000 – 2005).

Baptisms/Funerals Ratio Indicator status is represented by the following scale on the Analysis Maps.



### 4). Weekly Offertory Trend Indicator (WOTI)

Weekly offertory collection trends provide a general indication of a parish's financial health. The Weekly Offertory Trend Indicator is based on financial data collected during 2000 – 2005 and is represented by the percentage of increase or decrease in collections during this time period.

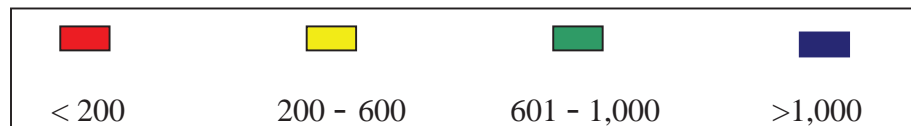
Weekly Offertory Trend Indicator status is represented by the following scale on the Analysis Maps.



### 5). Parishioner Attendance Indicator (PAI)

The Parishioner Attendance Indicator is based on attendance counts taken by each parish in the Diocese in 2005 and 2006. The attendance indicator provides a general understanding of parishioner attendance for each parish. In conjunction with church capacity calculations, attendance data will assist in determining the most appropriate configurations for the merging of parishes. Because the attendance counts were taken at a specific time period during the year, additional attendance counts may be necessary before finalizing the merging of specific parishes.

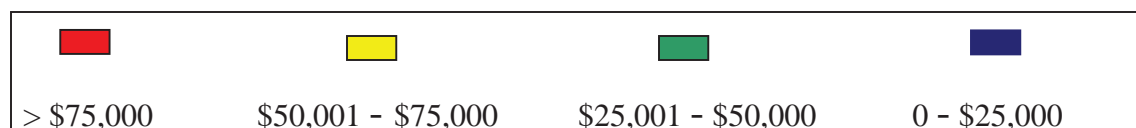
Parishioner Attendance Indicator status is represented by the following scale on the Analysis Maps.



### 6). Total Outstanding Debt Indicator (TODI)

Total Outstanding Debt is the total current debt to the Diocese a parish has as of 9/30/2006 as determined by the financial accounting office of the Springfield Diocese. It is important to note that this debt figure solely represents monies owed to the Diocese, and not to other creditors to which a parish may be indebted.

Total Outstanding Debt Indicator status is represented by the following scale on the Analysis Maps.

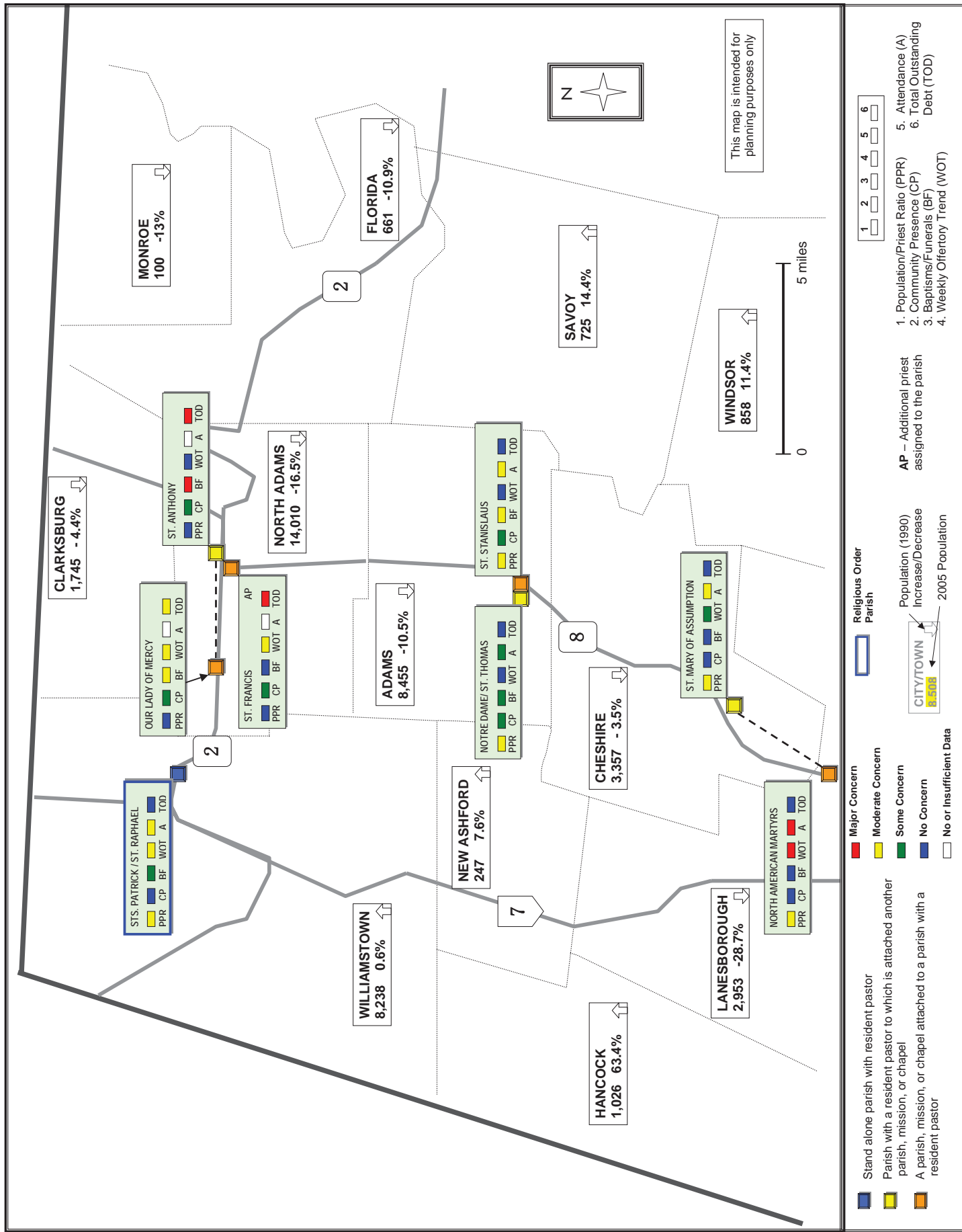


## **Section II: Configuration Recommendations**

This section presents configuration recommendations for each of the ten geographic regions in the analysis. The recommendations for each region consist of three components: 1). A map that depicts the current configurations among the parishes in the region, 2). A second map that presents the recommended configurations based on the analysis, and 3). A text explaining the rationale for the recommended configurations. The data utilized to assign the color-coded indicator values on the maps is presented in tables located in the Appendix.

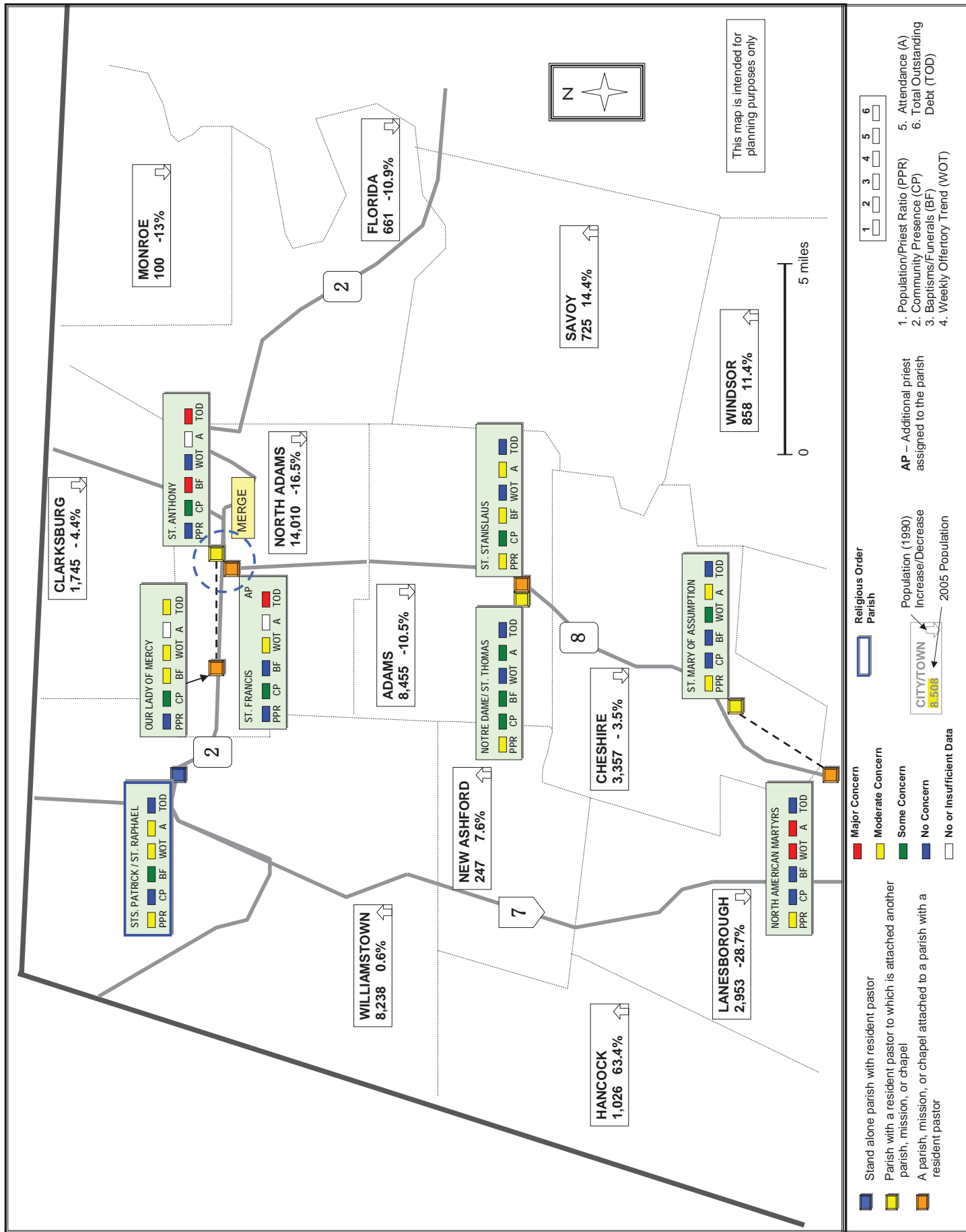
## **MAP 1: NORTH ADAMS REGION**

# MAP 1: NORTH ADAMS REGION





# MAP 1: NORTH ADAMS REGION RECOMMENDATIONS



**Legend**

**Religious Order Parish**

- Major Concern
- Moderate Concern
- Some Concern
- No Concern
- No or Insufficient Data

**Parish Status Legend**

- Stand alone parish with resident pastor
- Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel
- A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor

**Population (1990) Increase/Decrease 2005 Population**

**City/Town** 8,508

**AP - Additional priest assigned to the parish**

**Religious Order Parish**

**1. Population/Priest Ratio (PPR)**  
**2. Community Presence (CP)**  
**3. Baptisms/Funerals (BF)**  
**4. Weekly Offertory Trend (WOT)**  
**5. Attendance (A)**  
**6. Total Outstanding Debt (TOD)**

**1 2 3 4 5 6**

## **North Adams Region**

### **General Characteristics:**

The North Adams Region is characterized by a high level of linkage among parishes and by the rural, sparsely populated section of Western Massachusetts its parishes serve. All of the parishes in this region, with the exception of one, are linked to another parish. Due to the rural nature of this region, all of the parishes receive a Community Presence/ Geographical Status Indicator rating of 1 or 2. In general, financial indicators suggest that parishes in this region are not in financial difficulty. The relatively low populations of the communities served by the parishes results in an average population to priest ratio when compared to other regions in this study.

### **Recommendations:**

#### **St. Anthony, St. Francis, Our Lady of Mercy**

Merge St. Francis and St. Anthony parishes. Keep Our Lady of Mercy as it is. Maintain one resident pastor for the resulting two parishes.

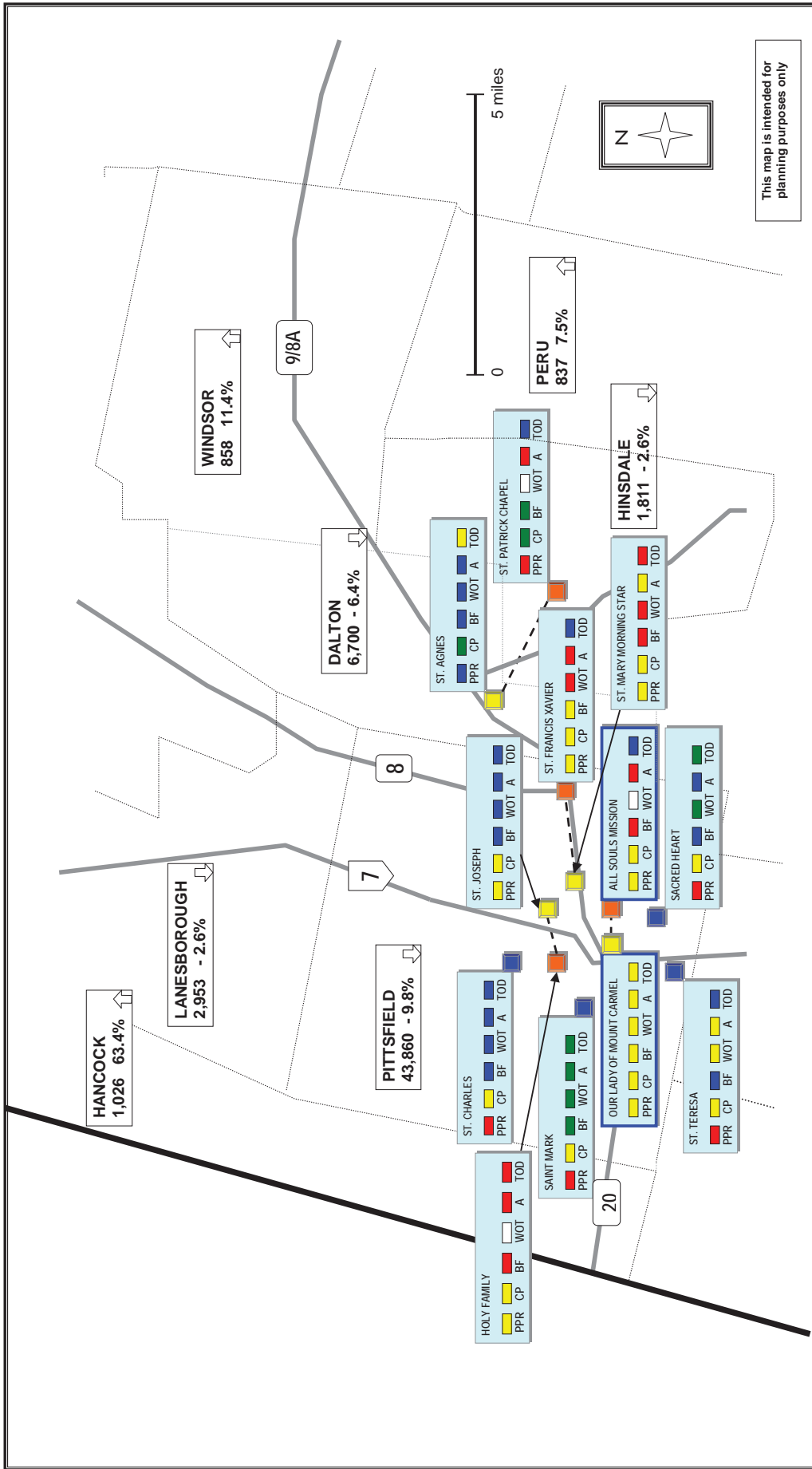
Rationale: Merger will improve the financial status of the resulting two parishes. Merger will not significantly increase travel times for parishioners due to the close proximity of the parishes to be merged.

#### **All other parishes in the North Adams Region**

Maintain current configurations.

## **MAP 2: PITTSFIELD REGION**

# MAP 2: PITTSFIELD REGION



HANCOCK  
1,026 63.4%

LANESBOROUGH  
2,953 - 2.6%

DALTON  
6,700 - 6.4%

PITTSFIELD  
43,860 - 9.8%

WINDSOR  
858 11.4%

PERU  
837 7.5%

HINSDALE  
1,811 - 2.6%

HOLY FAMILY  
PPR CP BF WOT A TOD

ST. CHARLES  
PPR CP BF WOT A TOD

SAINT MARK  
PPR CP BF WOT A TOD

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
PPR CP BF WOT A TOD

ST. TERESA  
PPR CP BF WOT A TOD

ST. JOSEPH  
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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
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ST. AGNES  
PPR CP BF WOT A TOD

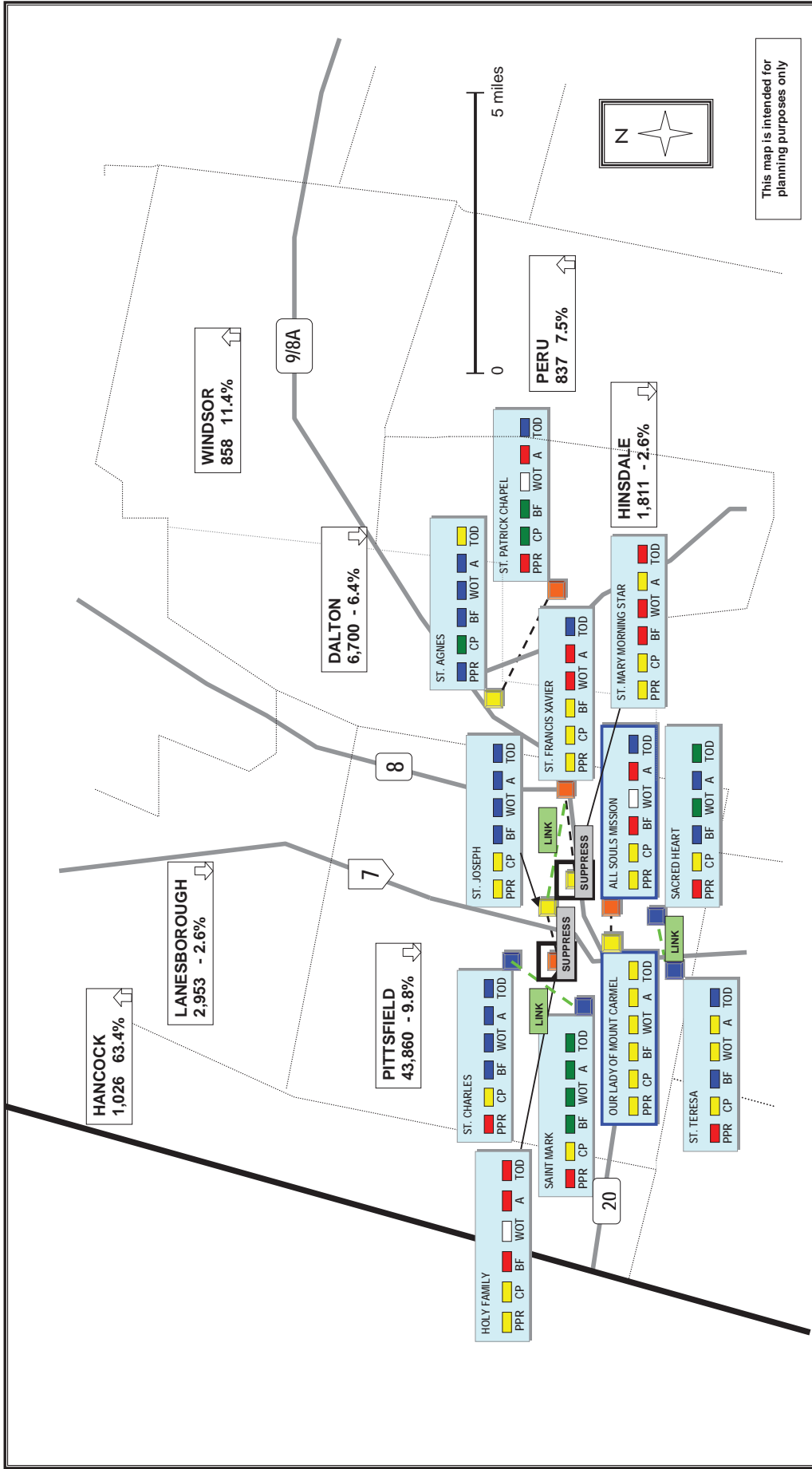
ST. PATRICK CHAPEL  
PPR CP BF WOT A TOD

ST. MARY MORNING STAR  
PPR CP BF WOT A TOD

SACRED HEART  
PPR CP BF WOT A TOD

ALL SOULS MISSION  
PPR CP BF WOT A TOD

# MAP 2: PITTSFIELD REGION RECOMMENDATIONS



**Legend**

- Stand alone parish with resident pastor
- Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel
- A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor

**Religious Order Parish**

**Major Concern** (Red square)  
**Moderate Concern** (Yellow square)  
**Some Concern** (Green square)  
**No Concern** (Blue square)  
**No or Insufficient Data** (White square)

**Population (1990) Increase/Decrease** (Arrow pointing up/down)  
**2005 Population** (Number in box)

**1 2 3 4 5 6** (Numbered boxes)

1. Population/Priest Ratio (PPR)
2. Community Presence (CP)
3. Baptisms/Funerals (BF)
4. Weekly Offertory Trend (WOT)
5. Attendance (A)
6. Total Outstanding Debt (TOD)

**CITY/TOWN**  
 8,508

## Pittsfield Region

### **General Characteristics:**

The Pittsfield Region is characterized by a dense cluster of parishes in the City of Pittsfield. Approximately seventy percent of the parishes in the region are linked. The dense clustering of parishes in this region results in a Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator rating of 3 for the majority of parishes. In general, financial indicators suggest that parishes in this region are not in financial difficulty. Population/Priest ratio calculations for this region indicate that approximately five priests should be assigned to this region; currently, the region is assigned eight priests.

### **Recommendations:**

#### **Holy Family**

Suppress parish.

Rationale: Low Baptism/Funeral ratio, will assist in addressing financial difficulties, will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio, due to the close proximity of other parishes, suppression will not significantly increase travel times for parishioners.

#### **St. Mary Morning Star**

Suppress parish.

Rationale: Low Baptism/Funeral ratio, will assist in addressing financial difficulties, declining Weekly Offertory Trend, will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio, suppression will not significantly increase travel times for parishioners due to the close proximity of other parishes.

#### **St. Joseph St. Francis Xavier**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

#### **St. Teresa Sacred Heart**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

**St. Mark  
St. Charles**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

**Our Lady of Mount  
Carmel  
All Souls Mission**

Maintain a resident pastor for these two linked entities as long as the religious order continues to supply a priest. After which they should be suppressed.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

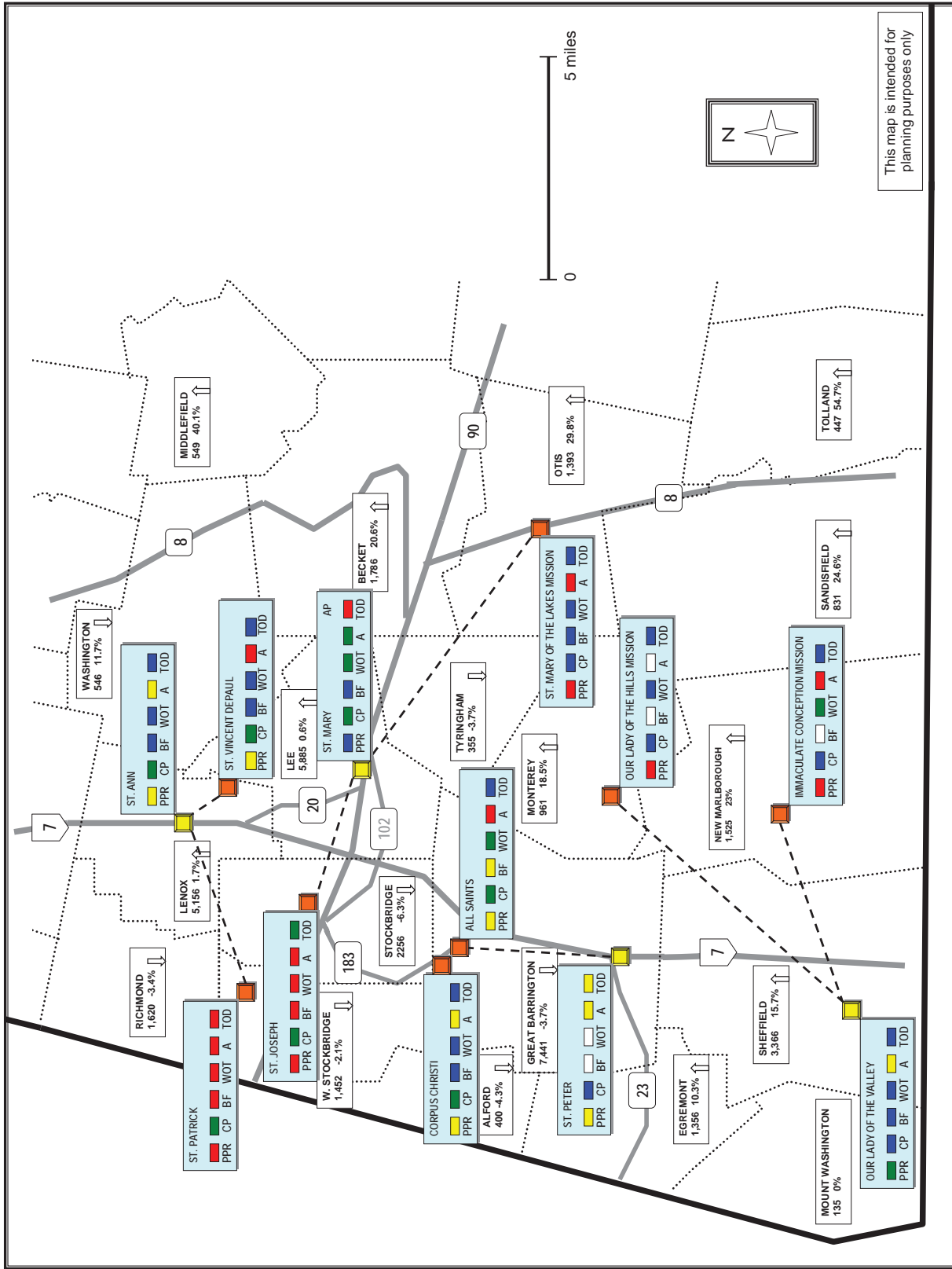
**All other parishes in the  
Pittsfield Region**

Maintain current configurations.

## **MAP 3: LEE REGION**



# MAP 3: LEE REGION



**Religious Order**

1. Population/Priest Ratio (PPR) 5. Attendance (A)  
 2. Community Presence (CP) 6. Total Outstanding Debt (TOD)  
 3. Baptisms/Funerals (BF)  
 4. Weekly Offertory Trend (WOT)

**Major Concern** (Red)  
**Moderate Concern** (Yellow)  
**Some Concern** (Green)  
**No Concern** (Blue)  
**No or Insufficient Data** (White)

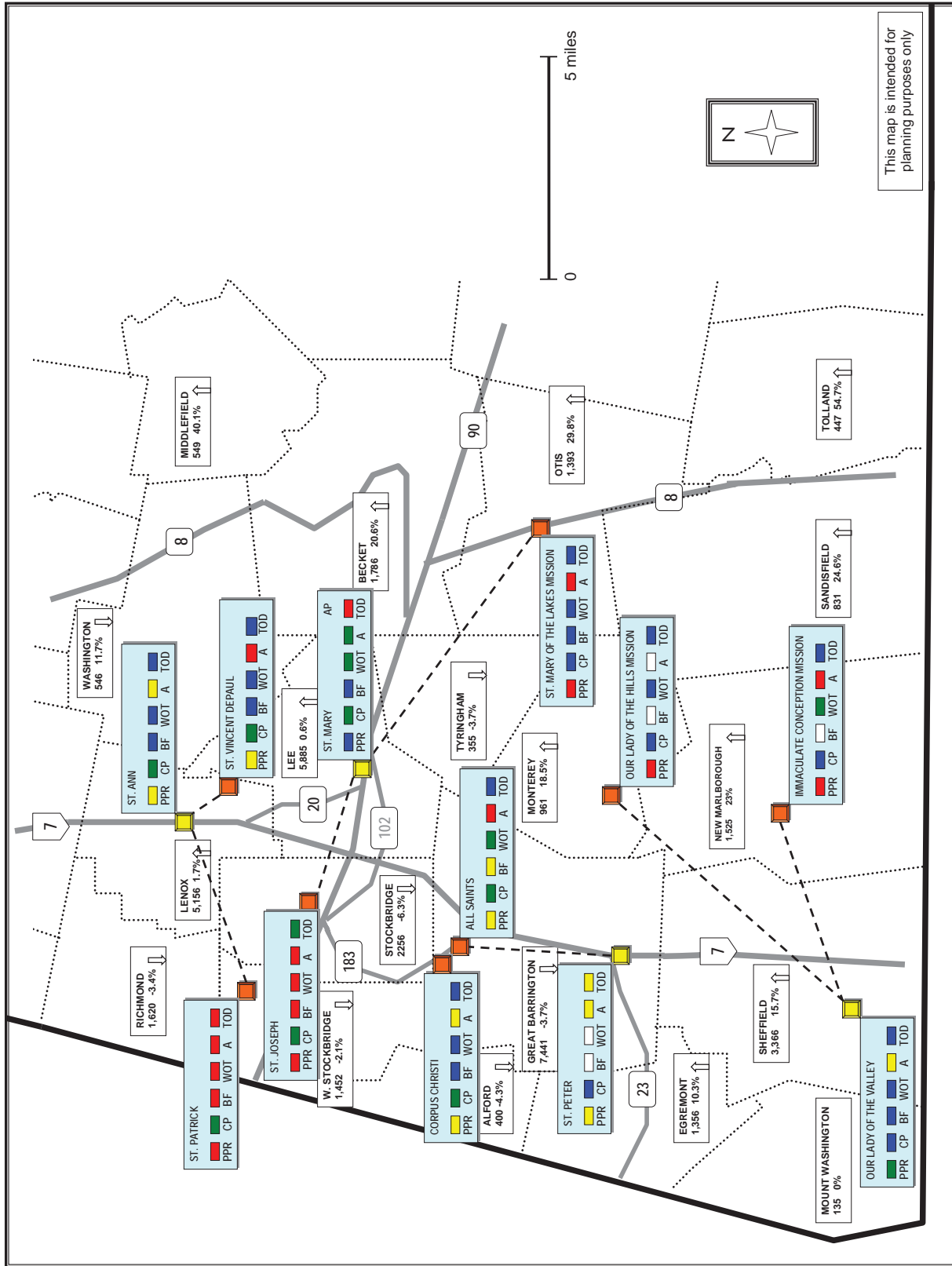
**Population (1990)** (Yellow bar)  
**Population (2005)** (Blue bar)  
 Increase/Decrease (Arrow)

**Stand alone parish with resident pastor** (Blue box)  
**Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel** (Yellow box)  
**A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor** (Orange box)

**City/Town** (8,508)

1 2 3 4 5 6

# MAP 3: LEE REGION RECOMMENDATIONS



This map is intended for planning purposes only

**Religious Order**

1. Population/Priest Ratio (PPR) 5. Attendance (A)  
 2. Community Presence (CP) 6. Total Outstanding Debt (TOD)  
 3. Baptisms/Funerals (BF)  
 4. Weekly Offertory Trend (WOT)

**Major Concern**

Population (1990) Increase/Decrease  
 2005 Population

**Religious Order**

1 2 3 4 5 6

**Major Concern**

Major Concern  
 Moderate Concern  
 Some Concern  
 No Concern  
 No or Insufficient Data

**Parish**

Stand alone parish with resident pastor  
 Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel  
 A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor

**City/Town**

CITY/TOWN 8,508

## **Lee Region**

### **General Characteristics:**

The Lee Region is characterized by a high level of linkage among parishes. All of the parishes in this region are linked into groups of three. Due to the rural nature of this region, all of the parishes receive a Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator rating of 1 or 2. In general, financial indicators suggest that parishes in this region are not in financial difficulty. The low populations of the communities served by the parishes results in a relatively high population to priest ratio when compared to other regions in the study.

### **Recommendations:**

#### **All parishes in the Lee region**

#### **Maintain current configurations**

Rationale: Current configurations demonstrate a high level of linkage among parishes, Majority of parishes are financially sound.

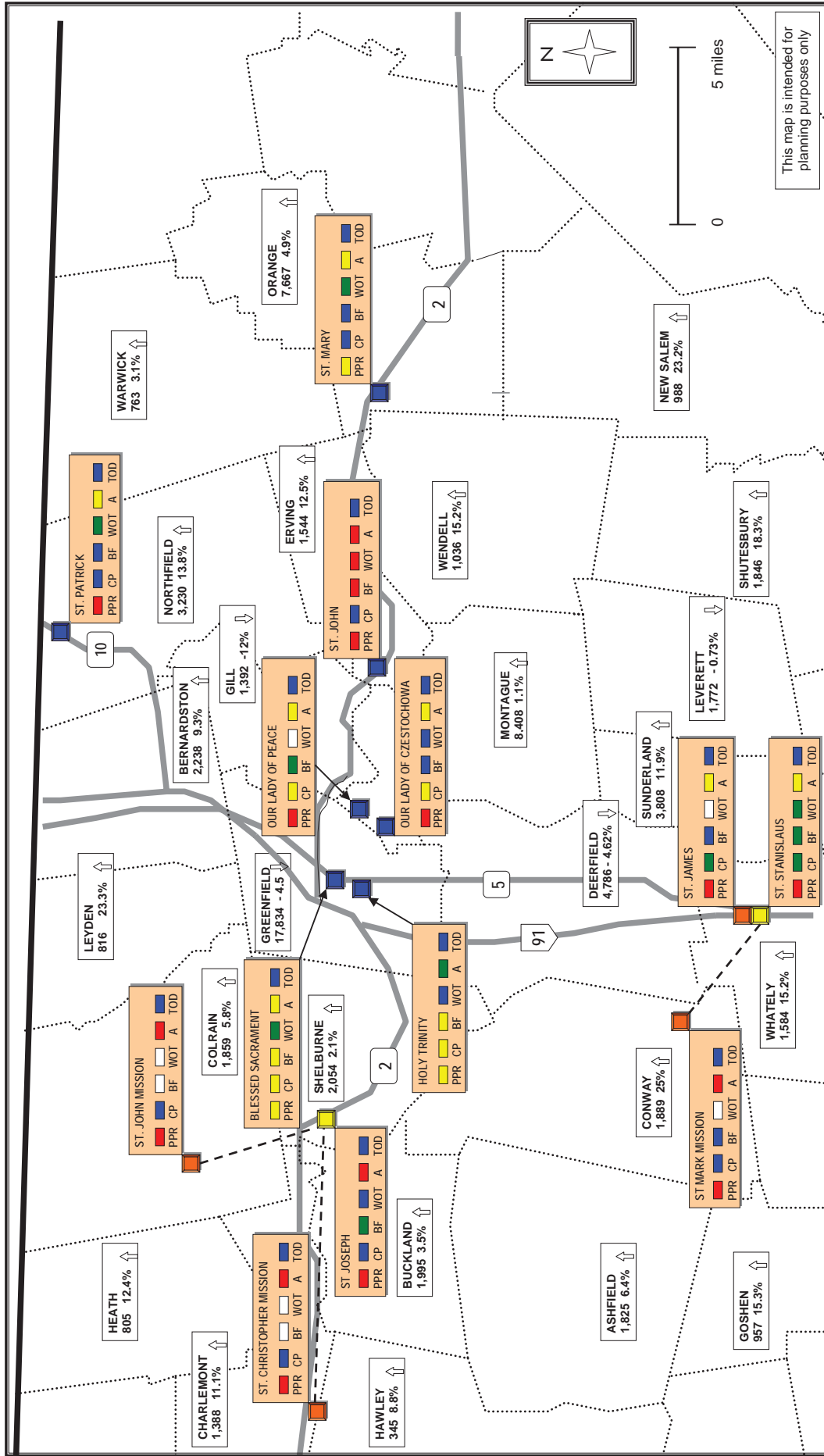
#### **Additional Recommendations**

Due to the high level of linkage among parishes (three parishes per group), it is recommended that an additional priest be assigned to a centrally located parish within the region. This priest would assist and substitute for other priests throughout the region when necessary.

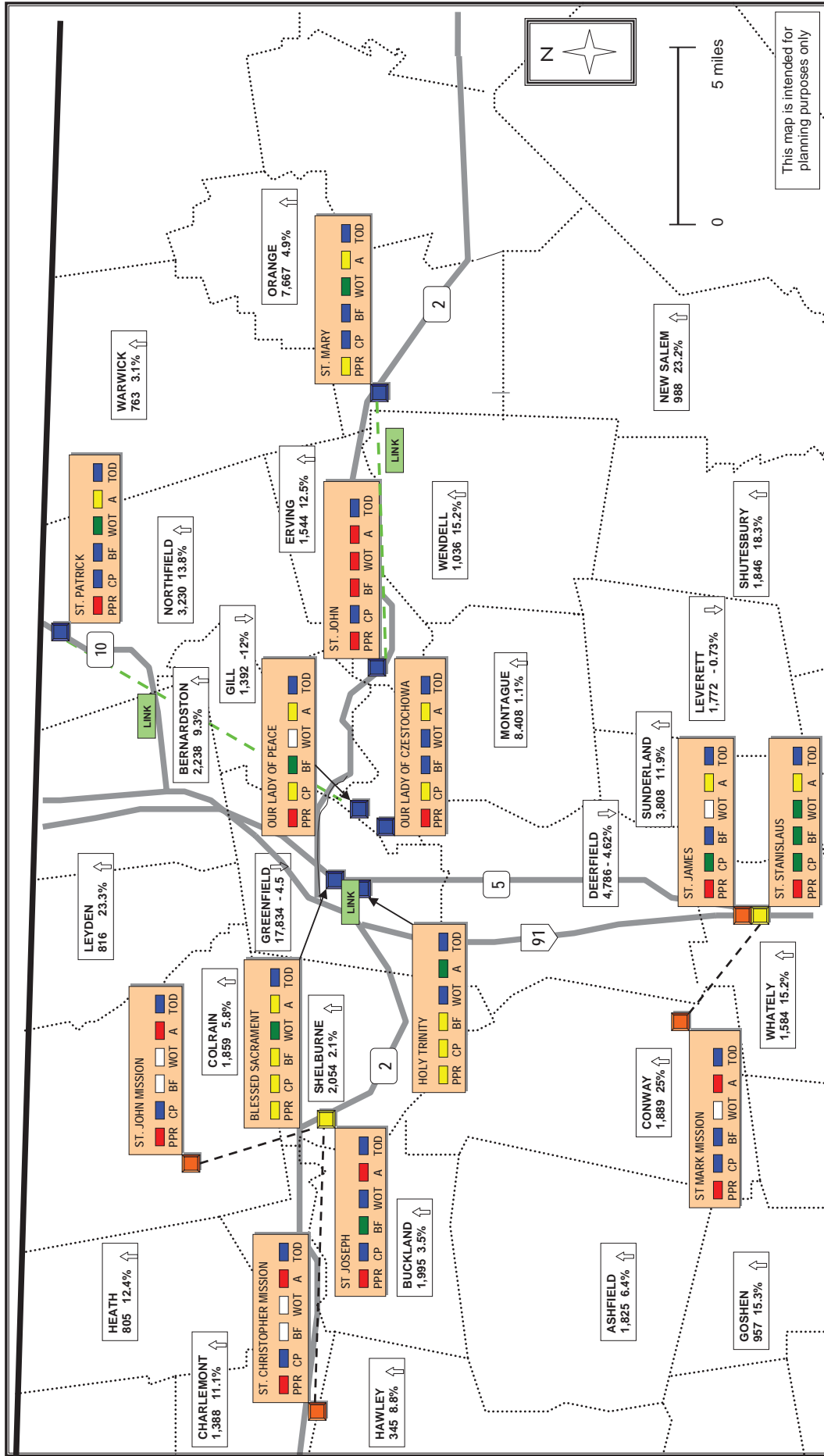
In parish groups containing churches that are in close proximity to one another (i.e. Corpus Christi/All Saints and St. Anne/St. Vincent DePaul), the option of merging these churches to form one parish should be considered if it is considered in the best interest of parishioners and improves the overall financial health of the parish.

## **MAP 4: GREENFIELD REGION**

# MAP 4: GREENFIELD REGION



# MAP 4: GREENFIELD REGION RECOMMENDATIONS



**Legend**

**Concerns:**

- Major Concern (Red)
- Moderate Concern (Yellow)
- Some Concern (Green)
- No Concern (Blue)
- No or Insufficient Data (White)

**Religious Order Parish:** (Blue outline)

**Population (1990):** (CITY/TOWN 8,508)

**Population/Decrease:** (Arrow pointing up)

**2005 Population:** (Arrow pointing down)

**Recommendation Legend:**

- Stand alone parish with resident pastor (Blue square)
- Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel (Yellow square)
- A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor (Orange square)

**Attendance Legend:**

- 1. Population/Priest Ratio (PPR) (Red)
- 2. Community Presence (CP) (Blue)
- 3. Baptisms/Funerals (BF) (Green)
- 4. Weekly Offertory Trend (WOT) (Yellow)
- 5. Attendance (A) (Orange)
- 6. Total Outstanding Debt to Diocese (TOD) (White)

## **Greenfield Region**

### **General Characteristics:**

The Greenfield Region is characterized by a cluster of parishes in a high population area (Greenfield and Montague) and numerous parishes located in areas of low population. In addition, this region exhibits a relatively low level of linkages among its parishes; over half of the parishes are stand-alone parishes with resident pastors. Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator ratings for the parishes cover the complete range from 1 to 3. Financial indicators suggest that parishes in this region are not in financial difficulty. Priest/Population ratio calculations for this region indicate that approximately five priests should be assigned to this region; currently, the region is assigned nine priests.

### **Recommendations:**

#### **Blessed Sacrament Holy Trinity**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

#### **Our Lady of Peace St. Patrick**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

#### **St. Mary St. John**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

#### **All other parishes in the Greenfield Region**

Maintain current configurations.

### **Additional Recommendations:**

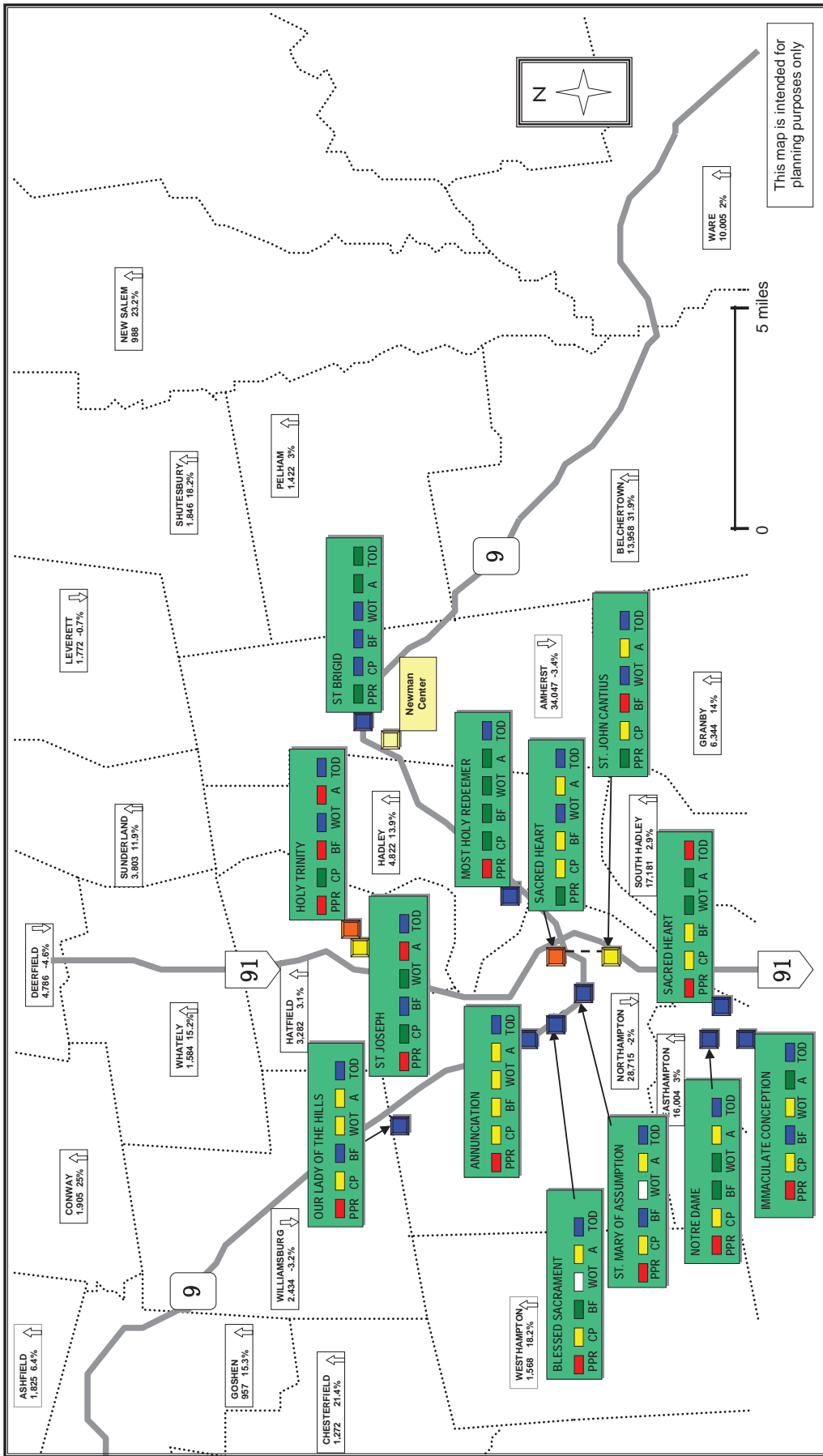
#### **Our Lady of Czestochowa**

Resident pastor assigned to this unlinked parish would assist and substitute for other pastors throughout the region when necessary.

## **MAP 5: NORTHAMPTON REGION**



# MAP 5: NORTHAMPTON REGION



**Religious Order Parish**

1. Stand alone parish with resident pastor  
 2. Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel  
 3. A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor

**Population (1990) Increase/Decrease 2005 Population**

4. Major Concern  
 5. Moderate Concern  
 6. Some Concern  
 7. No Concern  
 8. No or Insufficient Data

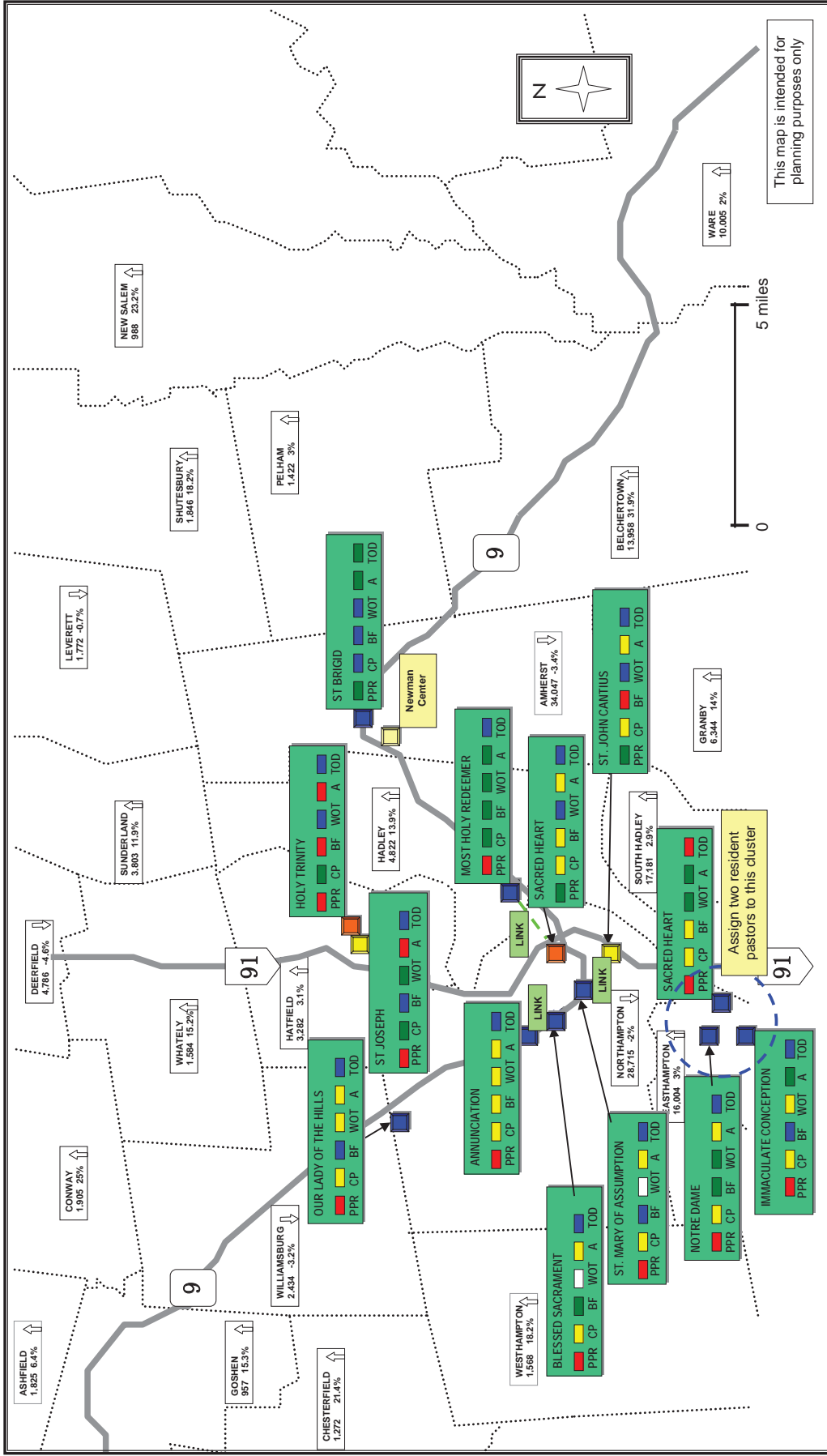
**Religious Order Parish**

1. Population/Priest Ratio  
 2. Community Presence  
 3. Baptisms/Funerals  
 4. Weekly Offertory Trend  
 5. Attendance  
 6. Total Outstanding Debt

1 2 3 4 5 6

CITY/TOWN: 8,508

# MAP 5: NORTHAMPTON REGION RECOMMENDATIONS



**Religious Order Parish**

1. Population/Priest Ratio  
 2. Community Presence  
 3. Baptisms/Funerals  
 4. Weekly Offertory Trend  
 5. Attendance  
 6. Total Outstanding Debt

Population (1990) Increase/Decrease  
 2005 Population

CITY/TOWN 8,508

Major Concern  
 Moderate Concern  
 Some Concern  
 No Concern  
 No or Insufficient Data

Stand alone parish with resident pastor  
 Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel  
 A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor

## **Northampton Region**

### **General Characteristics:**

The Northampton Region is characterized by two dense clusters of parishes; one cluster located in the City of Northampton and the other located in the City of Easthampton. The majority of the parishes in the region are unlinked. Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator ratings for the parishes cover the complete range from 1 to 3. In general, financial indicators suggest that parishes in this region are not in financial difficulty. Population/Priest ratio calculations indicate that approximately eight priests should be assigned to this region; currently, the region is assigned twelve priests.

### **Recommendations:**

#### **Most Holy Redeemer Sacred Heart**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

#### **Annunciation Blessed Sacrament**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

#### **St. Mary St. John Cantius**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

#### **Notre Dame Sacred Heart Immaculate Conception**

Assign two resident pastors to this cluster of three parishes. Diocese would determine the assignment of the pastors based on consultations with parishioners and current pastors of these three parishes.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

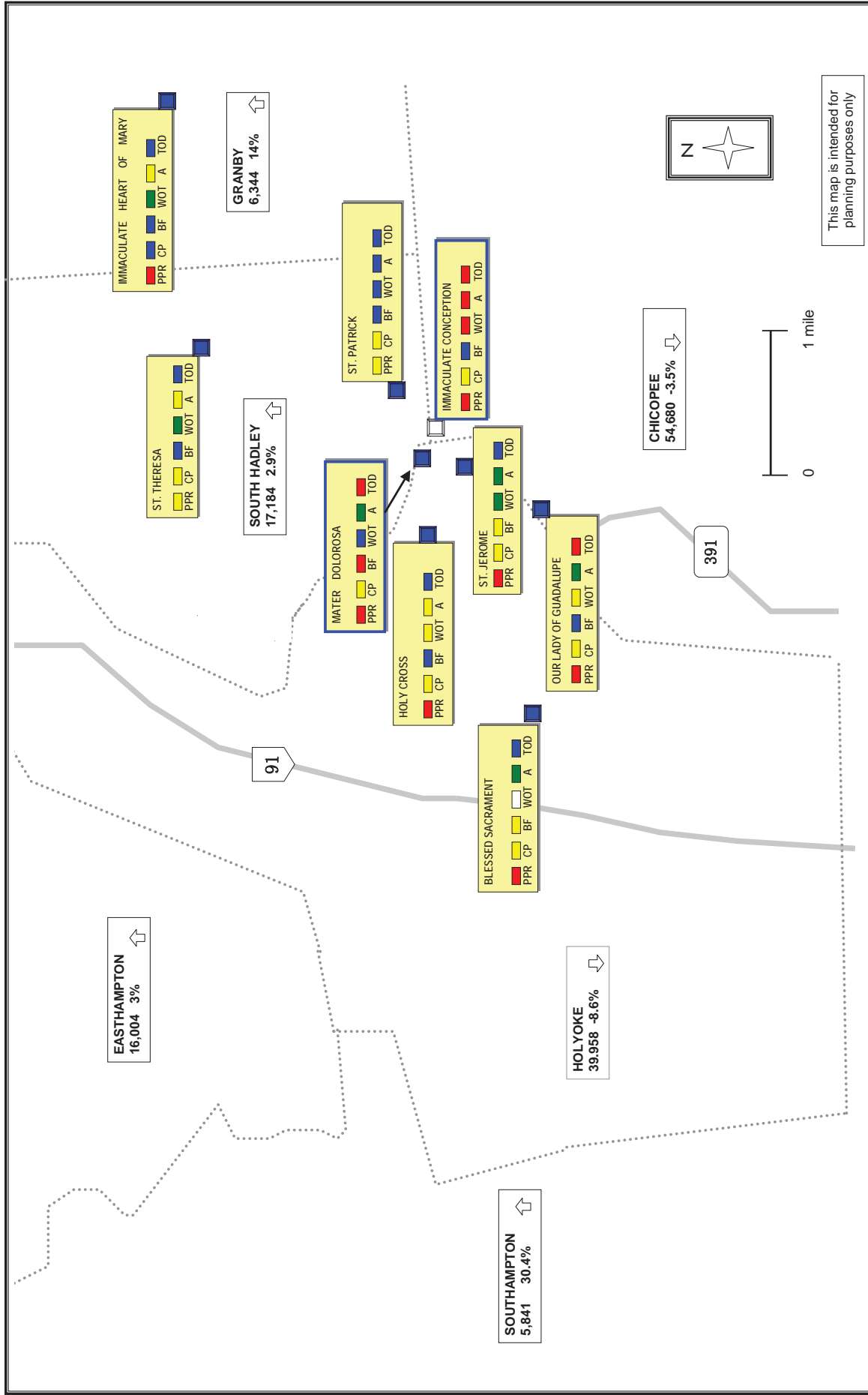
#### **All other parishes in the Northampton Region**

Maintain current configurations.

**Notes:** Although the Newman Center at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst is not classified as a parish, it fulfills many of the same functions as a parish. The Newman Center's ministry is limited to the students and faculty of the University and Amherst College.

## **MAP 6: HOLYOKE REGION**

# MAP 6: HOLYOKE REGION



**Concern Legend:**

- Major Concern (Red)
- Moderate Concern (Yellow)
- Some Concern (Green)
- No Concern (Blue)
- No or Insufficient Data (White)

**Parish Type Legend:**

- Stand alone parish with resident pastor (Blue square)
- Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel (Yellow square)
- A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor (Orange square)

**Religious Order Legend:**

- Religious Order (Blue outline)
- Parish (White outline)

**City/Town Legend:**

- CITY/TOWN 8,550 (Yellow box)

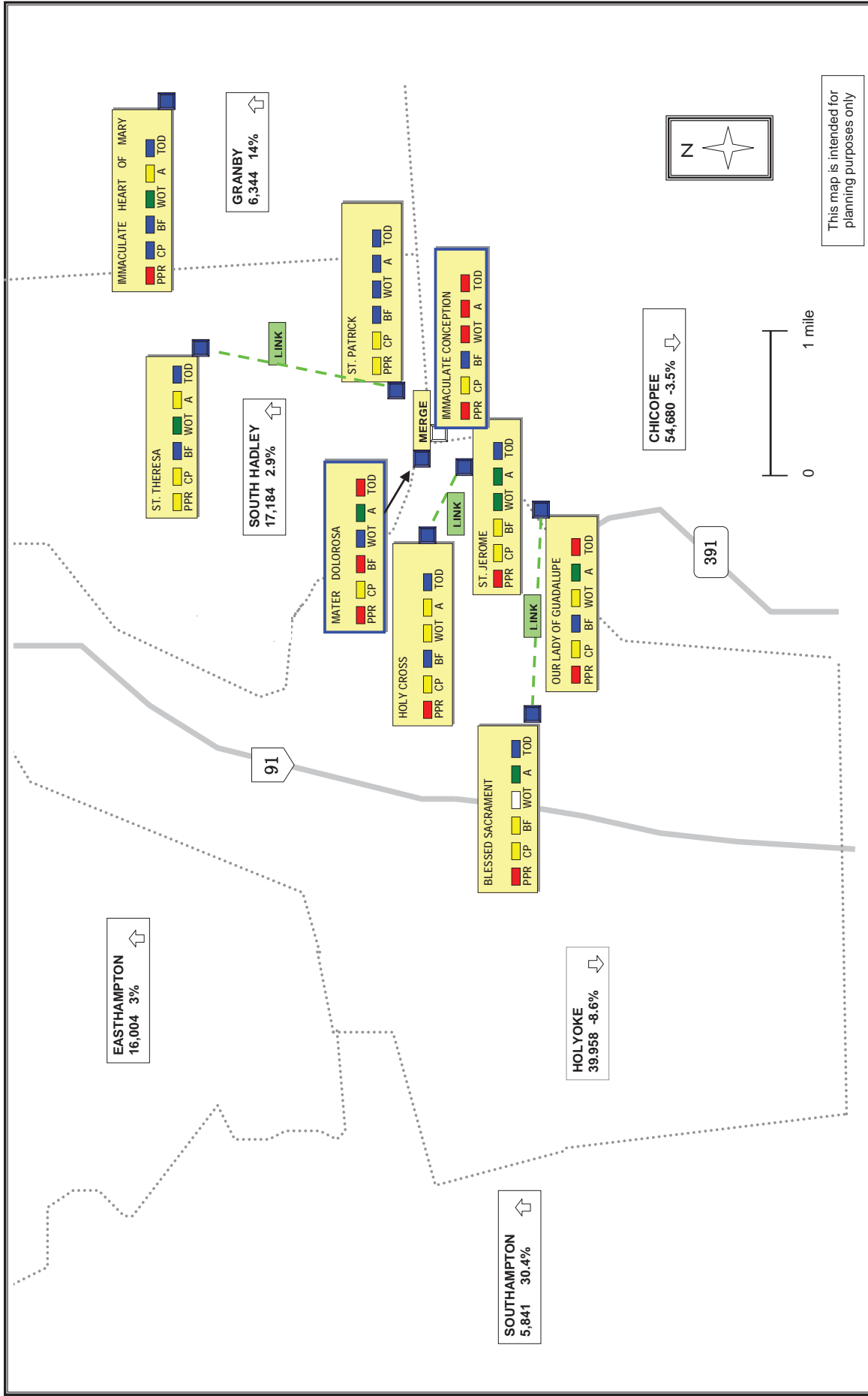
**Scale Legend:**

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 (Scale bar)

**Additional Metrics Legend:**

1. Population/Priest Ratio (PPR)
2. Community Presence (CP)
3. Baptisms/Funerals (BF)
4. Weekly Offertory Trend (WOT)
5. Attendance (A)
6. Total Outstanding Debt to Diocese (TOD)

# MAP 6: HOLYOKE REGION RECOMMENDATIONS



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**Stand alone parish with resident pastor** ■

**Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel** ■

**A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor** ■

**Major Concern** ■

**Moderate Concern** ■

**Some Concern** ■

**No Concern** ■

**No or Insufficient Data** ■

**Population (1990) Increase/Decrease**

**2005 Population**

**CITY/TOWN** 8,550

**Religious Order Parish**

1. Population/Priest Ratio (PPR) ■

2. Community Presence (CP) ■

3. Baptisms/Funerals (BF) ■

4. Weekly Offertory Trend (WOT) ■

5. Attendance (A) ■

6. Total Outstanding Debt to Diocese (TOD) ■

1  2  3  4  5  6

## Holyoke Region

### **General Characteristics:**

The Holyoke Region is characterized by a dense cluster of parishes located in the eastern section of the City of Holyoke. All of the parishes in the region are unlinked. The majority of parishes have a Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator rating of 3 due to the large number of parishes located in the City of Holyoke. In general, financial indicators suggest that the majority of parishes in this region are not in financial difficulty. Population/Priest ratio calculations for this region indicate that approximately five priests should be assigned to this region; currently, the region is assigned nine priests.

### **Recommendations:**

**St. Theresa  
St. Patrick**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in improving Population/Priest ratio.

**Mater Dolorosa  
Immaculate Conception**

Merge these two parishes and assign a resident pastor. The church building utilized to house the newly merged parish would be determined by the Diocese in consultation with parishioners and pastors of the two parishes. The new building being considered to replace Immaculate Conception parish would likely be the building to house the merging of these two parishes.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing financial issues by consolidating assets, will assist in improving Population/Priest ratio.

**Holy Cross  
St. Jerome**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

**Blessed Sacrament  
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.



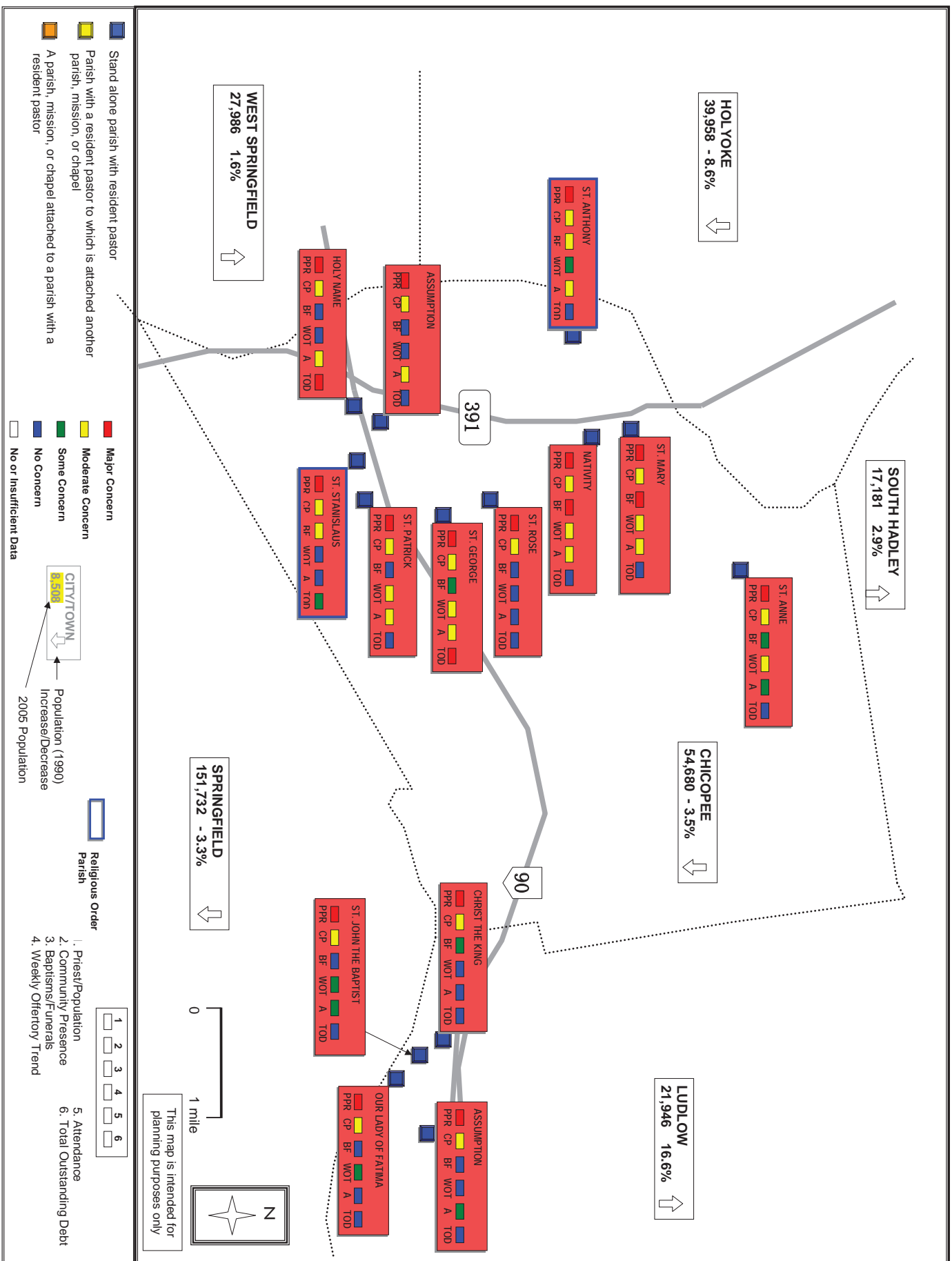
**Additional  
Recommendations**

**Immaculate Heart of  
Mary**

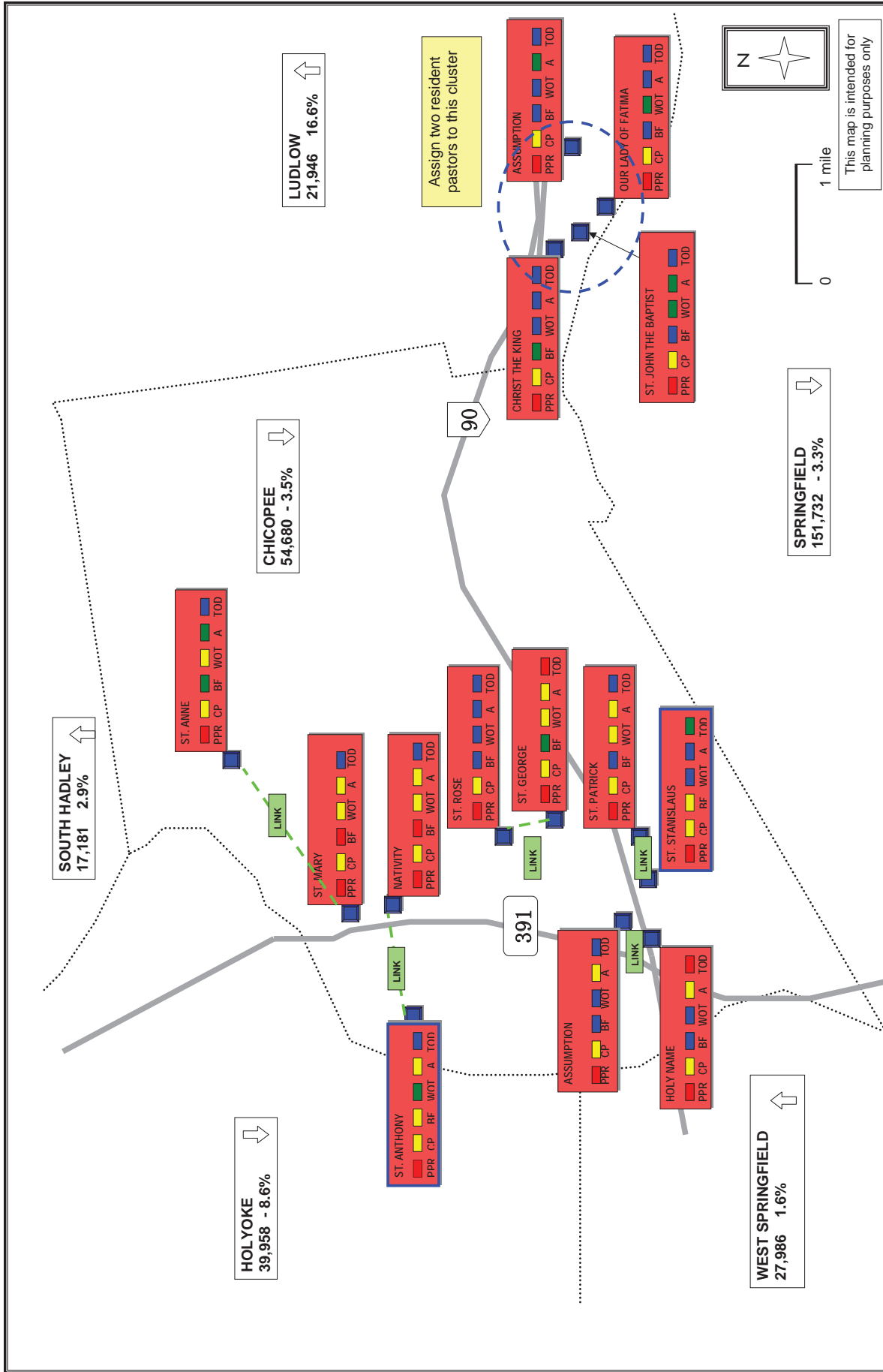
Resident pastor assigned to this unlinked parish would assist and substitute for other pastors throughout the region when necessary.

## **MAP 7: CHICOPEE REGION**

# MAP 7: CHICOPEE REGION



# MAP 7: CHICOPEE REGION RECOMMENDATIONS



**ASSIGNMENT CALLOUT:** Assign two resident pastors to this cluster (near Assumption and Our Lady of Fatima)

**Religious Order Parish Legend:**

- 1. Priest/Population
- 2. Community Presence
- 3. Baptisms/Funerals
- 4. Weekly Oratory Trend
- 5. Attendance
- 6. Total Outstanding Debt

**Major Concern Legend:**

- Major Concern (Red)
- Moderate Concern (Yellow)
- Some Concern (Green)
- No Concern (Blue)
- No or Insufficient Data (White)

**Population Trend Legend:**

- Population (1990) Increase/Decrease
- 2005 Population

**Religious Order Legend:**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

**Map Notes:**

- Stand alone parish with resident pastor
- Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel
- A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor

**Scale:** 0 to 1 mile

**North Arrow:** N

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## Chicopee Region

### **General Characteristics:**

The Chicopee Region is characterized by two dense clusters of parishes; one cluster located in the City of Chicopee and the other located in the City of Ludlow. All of the parishes in the region are unlinked. Due to the clustering of parishes in only two communities, all parishes have a Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator rating of 3. In general, financial indicators suggest that the majority of parishes in this region are not in financial difficulty.

### **Recommendations:**

**Christ the King  
St. Mary of the  
Assumption  
St. John the Baptist  
Our Lady of Fatima**

Link parishes to create two groups of parishes and assign one resident pastor to each group. Diocese would determine how to configure groups and assignment of resident pastors based on consultations with parishioners and current pastors.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

**Holy Name**

Suppress parish

Rationale: Will assist in addressing financial issues, will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

**St. Patrick  
St. Stanislaus**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

**St. Rose  
St. George**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

**St. Anthony  
Nativity**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

**St. Anne  
St. Mary**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

**All other parishes in  
the Chicopee Region**

Maintain current configurations.

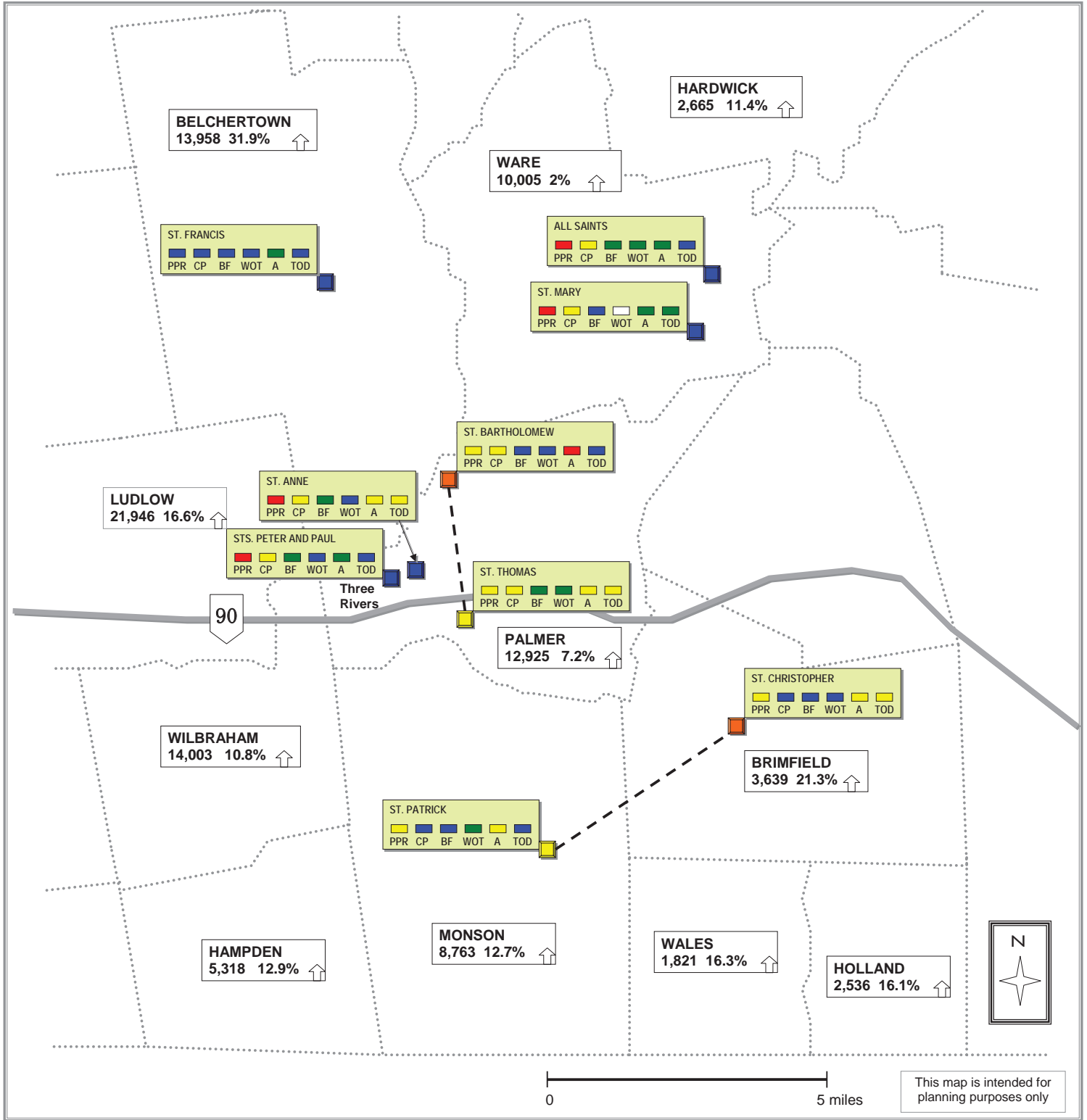
**Additional  
Recommendations:**

**Assumption**

Resident pastor assigned to this unlinked parish would assist and substitute for other pastors throughout the region when necessary.

**MAP 8: WARE REGION**

# MAP 8: WARE REGION



**Legend:**

- Blue square: Stand alone parish with resident pastor
- Yellow square: Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel
- Orange square: A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor
- Red square: Major Concern
- Yellow square: Moderate Concern
- Green square: Some Concern
- Blue square: No Concern
- White square: No or Insufficient Data

**City/Town Callout Example:**

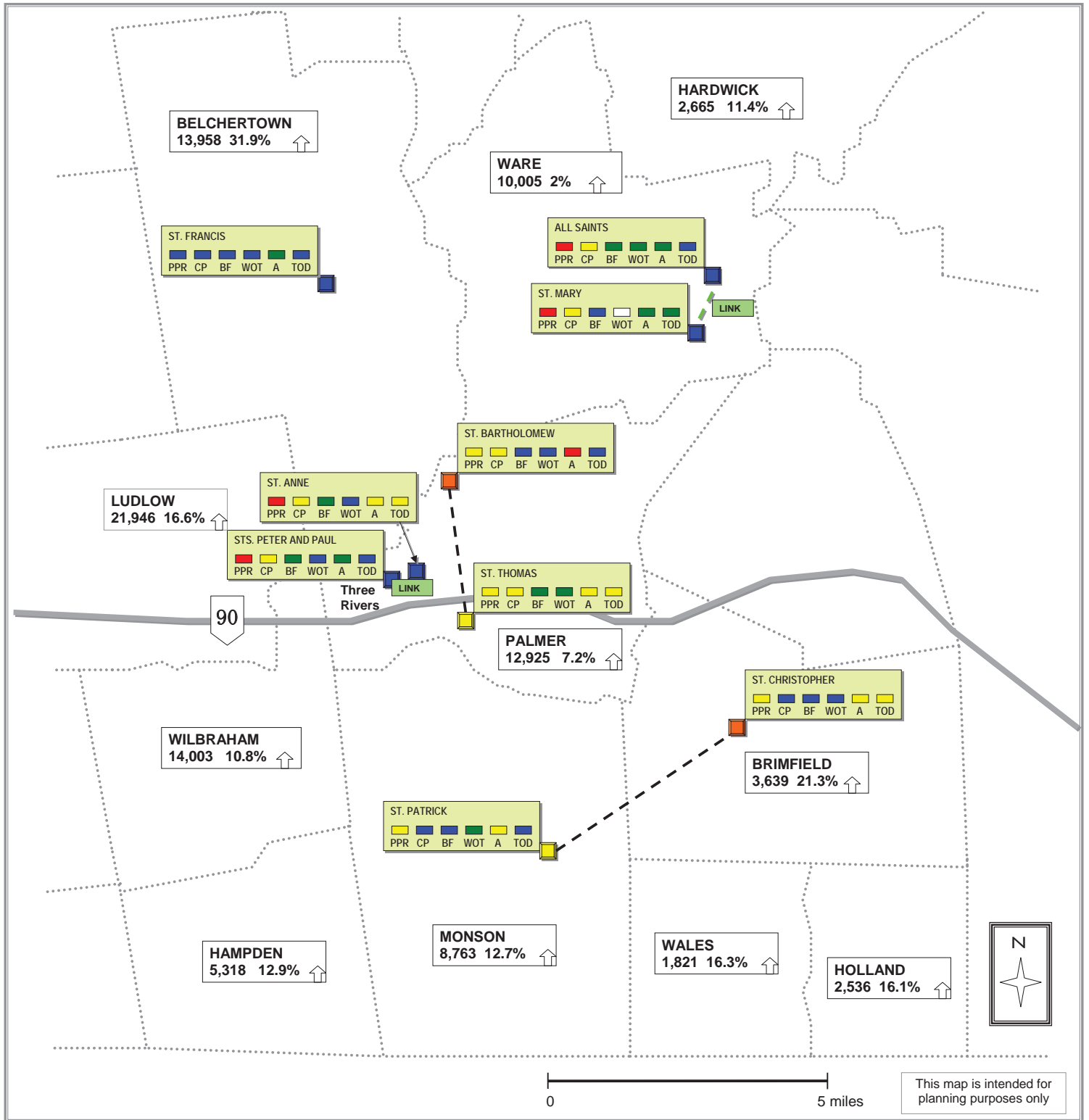
Year	Population	% Change
1990	8,508	
2005		

**Bar Chart Legend:**

Metric	Color
1. Priest/Population	Blue
2. Community Presence	Green
3. Baptisms/Funerals	Yellow
4. Weekly Offertory Trend	Red
5. Attendance	White
6. Total Outstanding Debt	Blue



# MAP 8: WARE REGION RECOMMENDATIONS



Stand alone parish with resident pastor	Major Concern		1. Priest/Population	5. Attendance
Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel	Moderate Concern		2. Community Presence	6. Total Outstanding Debt
A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor	Some Concern		3. Baptisms/Funerals	
	No Concern		4. Weekly Offertory Trend	
	No or Insufficient Data			

## **Ware Region**

### **General Characteristics:**

The Ware Region is characterized by a cluster of parishes in the City of Palmer and the rural nature of the communities in which its remaining parishes are located. In addition, the region is characterized by growing populations in the communities its parishes serve. Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator ratings for the parishes are either 1 or 3. Financial indicators suggest that parishes in this region are not in financial difficulty. Priest/Population ratio calculations indicate that approximately five priests should be assigned to this region; currently, the region is assigned seven priests.

### **Recommendations:**

**All Saints  
St. Mary**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Priest/Population ratio.

**St. Anne  
Sts. Peter and Paul**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

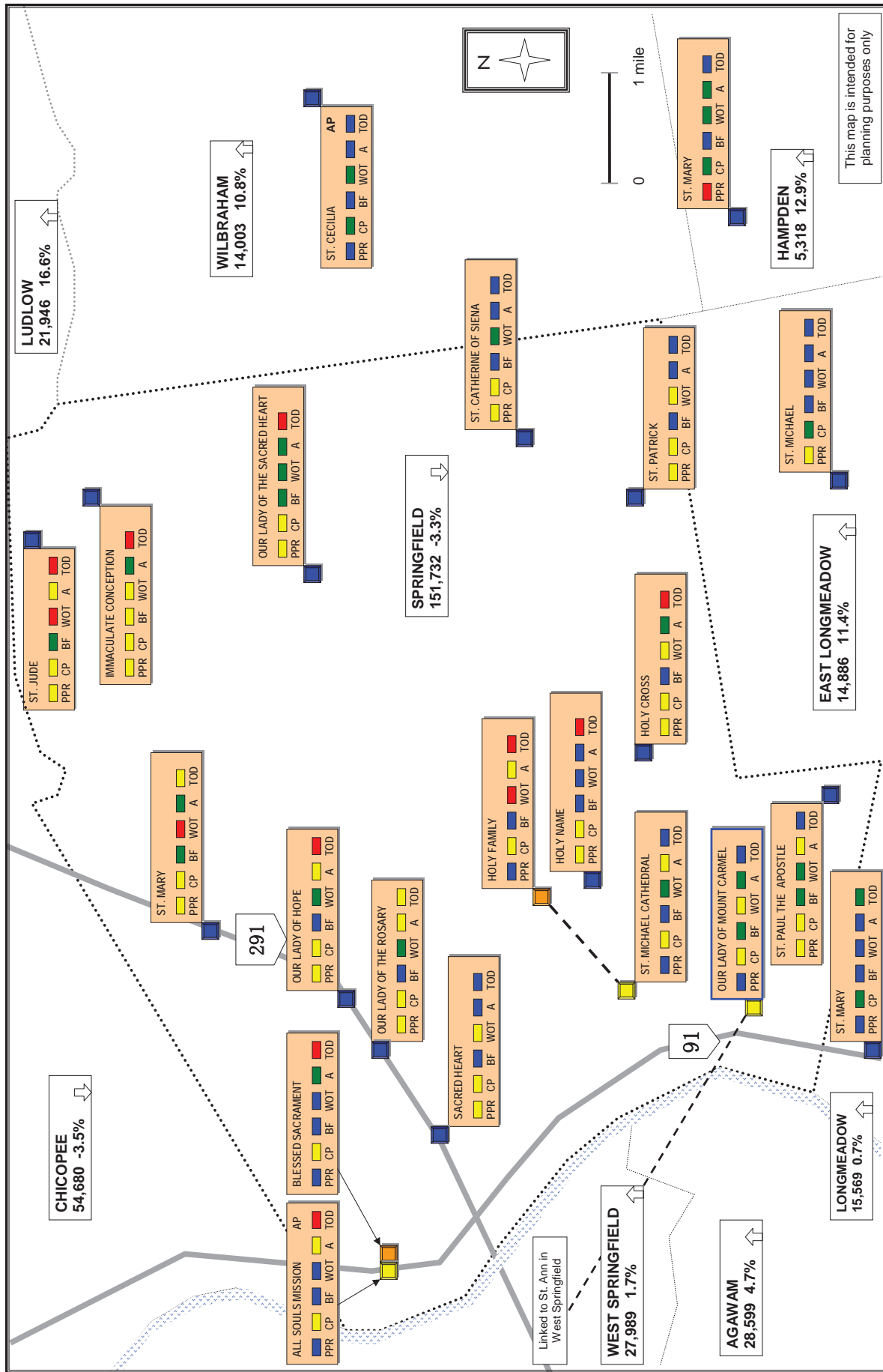
Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Priest/Population ratio.

**All other parishes in  
the Ware Region**

Maintain current configurations.

## **MAP 9: SPRINGFIELD REGION**

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**Religious Order Parish**

**Major Concern** (Red icon) **Moderate Concern** (Yellow icon) **Some Concern** (Green icon) **No Concern** (Blue icon) **No. of Inefficient Parishes** (White icon)

**Stand alone parish with resident pastor** (Blue icon)  
**Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel** (Yellow icon)  
**A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor** (Orange icon)

**Population (1990)**  
 Increase/Decrease (Arrow pointing up/down)  
 2005 Population (Number)

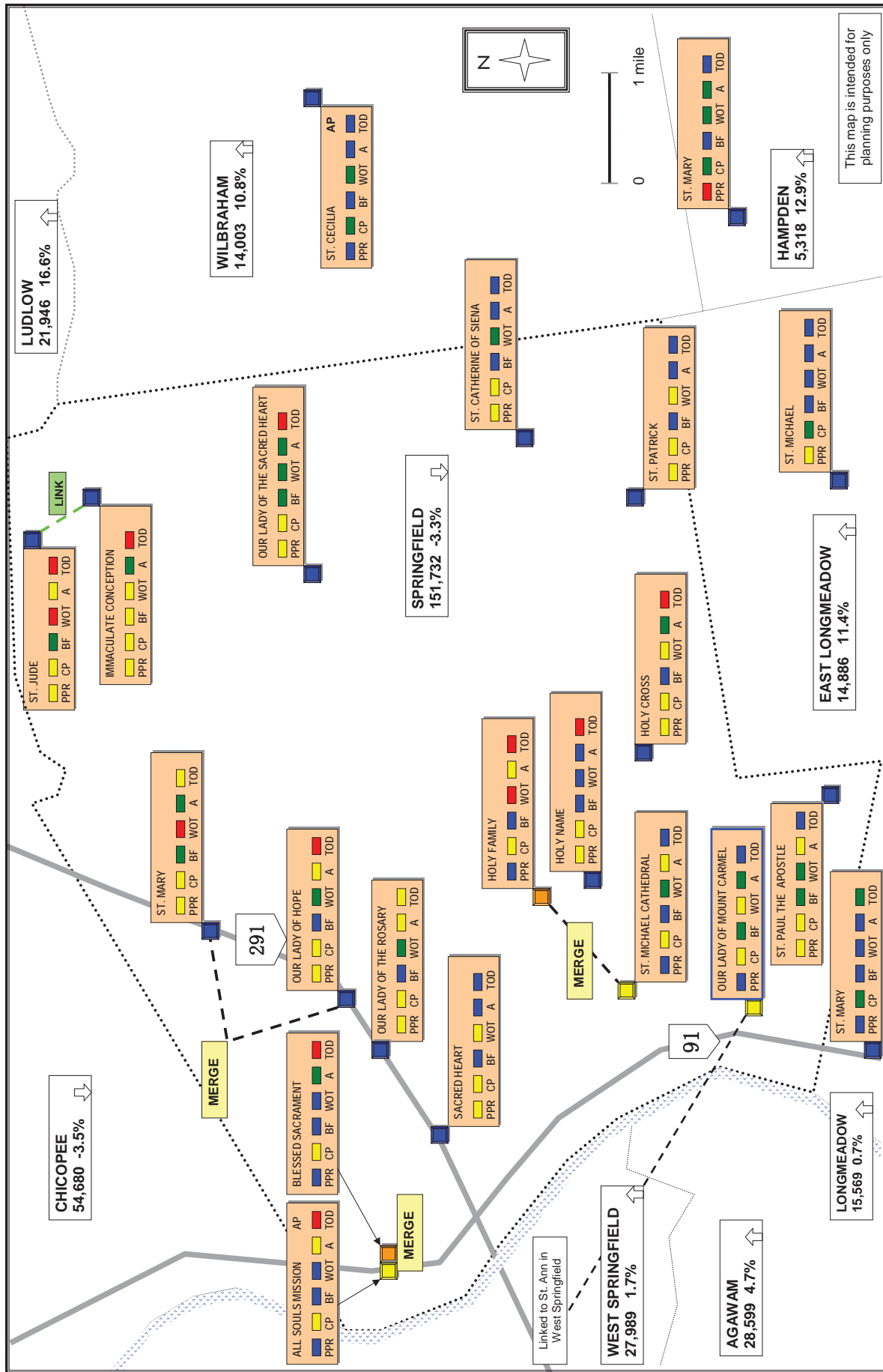
**Religious Order Parish**

**AP - Additional priest assigned to the parish**

**1 2 3 4 5 6**

1. Population/Priest Ratio
2. Community Presence
3. Baptisms/Funerals
4. Weekly Offertory Trend
5. Attendance
6. Total Outstanding Debt

# MAP 9: SPRINGFIELD REGION RECOMMENDATIONS



**Legend:**

- Stand alone parish with resident pastor
- Parish with a resident pastor to which is attached another parish, mission, or chapel
- A parish, mission, or chapel attached to a parish with a resident pastor

**Religious Order Parish:** 1 2 3 4 5 6

**Population/Priest Ratio:** 1. Population/Priest Ratio 5. Attendance

**Community Presence:** 2. Community Presence 6. Total Outstanding Debt

**Baptisms/Funerals:** 3. Baptisms/Funerals

**Weekly Offertory Trend:** 4. Weekly Offertory Trend

**Population Change:** Population (1990) Increase/Decrease assigned to the parish 2005 Population

**Concern Levels:** Major Concern, Moderate Concern, Some Concern, No Concern

**Other:** No. of Inefficient Pastors

## **Springfield Region**

### **General Characteristics:**

The Springfield Region is characterized by numerous neighborhood parishes located throughout the City of Springfield and a limited number of parishes to the south and east of the urban core. In addition, the region is characterized by growing populations in the communities to the south and east of Springfield. Parishes in the City of Springfield are located in relatively close proximity to one another and therefore receive a Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator of 3. Financial indicators suggest that several parishes in the Springfield region are experiencing financial difficulties.

### **Recommendations:**

**St. Jude  
Immaculate  
Conception**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio. Before linking, an analysis should be conducted to determine if a merger between these two parishes would be preferable in order to address fiscal issues.

**Our Lady of Hope  
St. Mary**

Merge.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio. Will assist in addressing fiscal issues.

**Holy Family  
St. Michael's Cathedral**

Merge.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio. Will assist in addressing fiscal issues.

**All Souls Mission  
Blessed Sacrament**

Merge.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing fiscal issues.

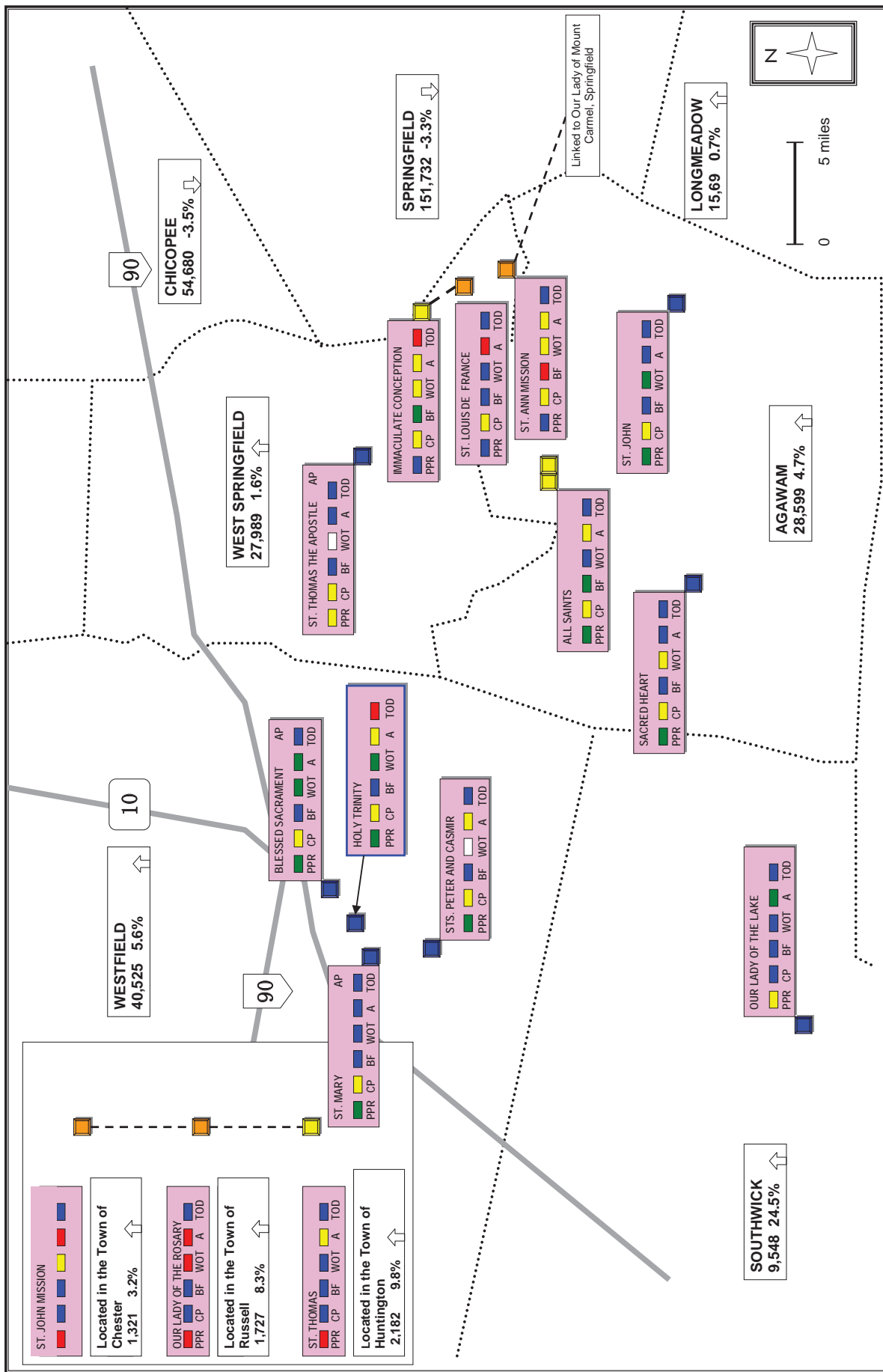
**All other parishes in the  
Springfield Region**

Maintain current configurations.

**Other Recommendations:** An analysis should be conducted to determine if linking or merging Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish with another parish would be possible. Such a linking or merger may not be possible due to the burden it might place on current parishioners in attending church services.

## **MAP 10: AGAWAM REGION**

# MAP 10: AGAWAM REGION



**Religious Order**

AP -- Additional priest assigned to the parish

Population (1990) Increase/Decrease 2005 Population

CITY/TOWN 8,500

**Concern Level**

- Major Concern
- Moderate Concern
- Some Concern
- No Concern
- No or Insufficient Data

**Parish**

1. Population/Priest Ratio

2. Community Presence

3. Baptisms/Funerals

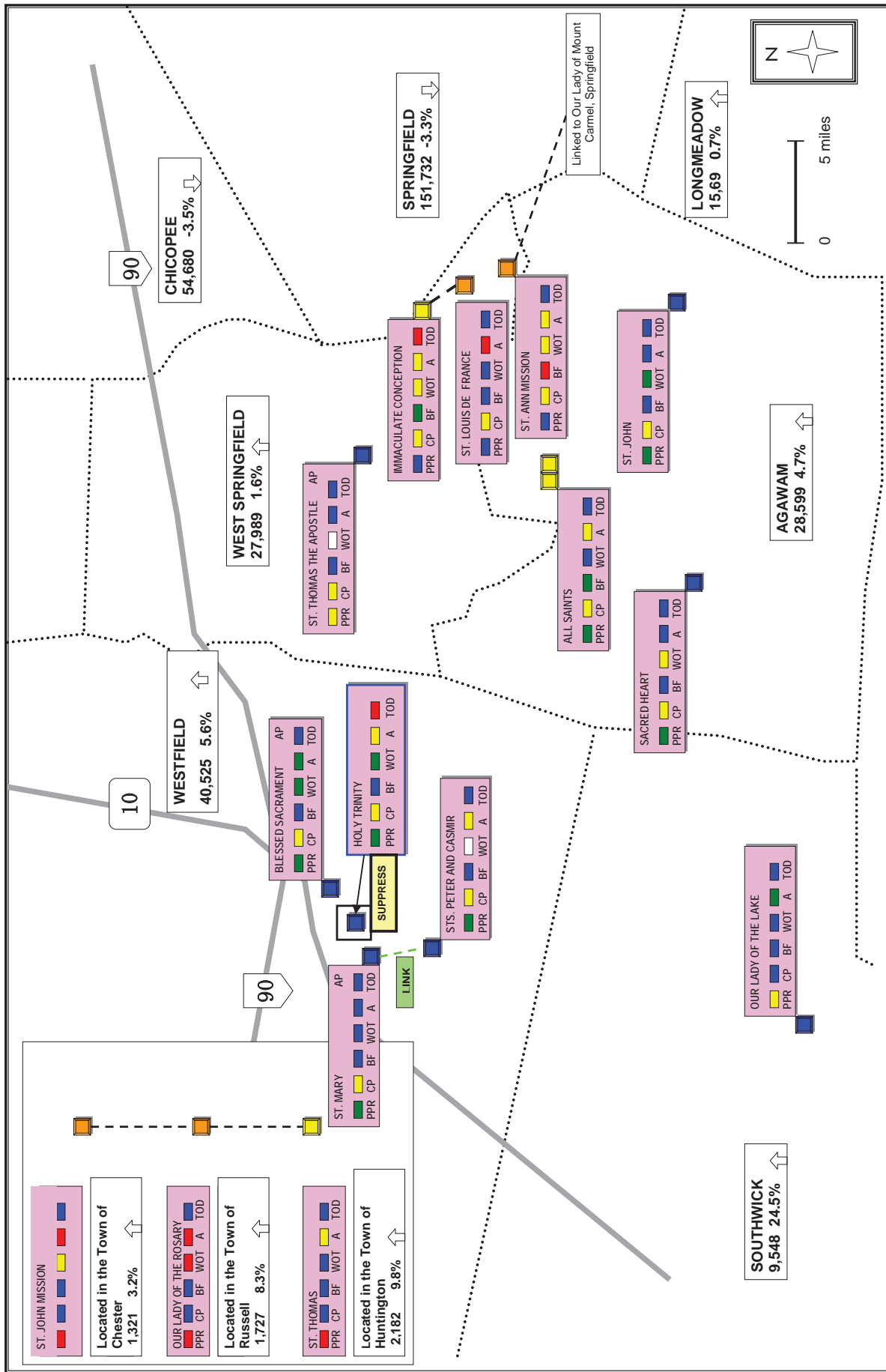
4. Weekly Offertory Trend

5. Attendance

6. Total Outstanding Debt



# MAP 10: AGAWAM REGION RECOMMENDATIONS



Parish Name	Location	Population	Change %	Concern Level	Religious Order	AP	Other
ST. JOHN MISSION							
Located in the Town of Chester		1,321	3.2%				
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY							
Located in the Town of Russell		1,727	8.3%				
ST. THOMAS							
Located in the Town of Huntington		2,182	9.8%				
WESTFIELD		40,525	5.6%				
WEST SPRINGFIELD		27,989	1.6%				
CHICOPEE		54,680	-3.5%				
SPRINGFIELD		151,732	-3.3%				
LONGMEADOW		15,69	0.7%				
AGAWAM		28,599	4.7%				
SOUTHWICK		9,548	24.5%				
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE							
SACRED HEART							
ALL SAINTS							
ST. JOHN							
ST. ANN MISSION							
ST. LOUIS DE FRANCE							
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION							
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE							
BLESSED SACRAMENT							
HOLY TRINITY							
SUPPRESS							
ST. PETER AND CASMIR							
LINK							

## **Agawam Region**

### **General Characteristics:**

The Agawam Region is characterized by three small clusters of parishes in the cities of Westfield, West Springfield, and Agawam. The Community Presence/Geographical Status Indicator rating for the majority of parishes in this region is 3. Financial indicators suggest that parishes in this region are not in financial difficulty.

### **Recommendations:**

#### **Holy Trinity**

Suppress parish.

Rationale: Will assist in addressing financial difficulties, will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio, suppression will not significantly increase travel times for parishioners due to the close proximity of other parishes

#### **St. Mary Sts. Peter and Casmir**

Link these two parishes and assign a resident pastor

Rationale: Will assist in addressing high Population/Priest ratio.

#### **All other parishes in the Agawam Region**

Maintain current configurations.

## APPENDIX

## MAP DATA TABLES

**MAP 1: North Adams Region**

Parish	Pop/Priest. Ratio	CP/GS	Baptisms/Funerals (6 years)										Weekly Offer. Trend	Att. 2005	Att. 2006	Av. Att.	Debt To Diocese															
			00	01	02	03	04	05	Total	RATIO																						
Sts. Patrick /St. Raphael	9,000	1	B	20	12	19	10	15	14	90	.57	F	29	4	7	7	4	10	8	40	158	.14	-7.7%	565	488	527	0					
St. Anthony	5,000L	2	B	55	47	53	54	49	31	289	.77	F	43	42	40	43	40	81	289			.5%										
St. Francis	5,000L	2	B	44	63	75	69	67	58	376	.56	F	42	28	37	41	40	29	217			.4%	974	1009	992	19,795						
Notre Dame/ St. Thomas	4,500L	2	B	47	68	60	68	66	78	387	.26	F	14	15	-	-	9	15	53			35.9%	451	416	434	0						
St. Stanislaus	4,500L	2	B	49	58	-	-	44	51	202	.96	F	25	11	10	18	14	10	88			-1.8%	443	385	414	0						
St. Mary of Assumption	3,700L	1	B	14	20	14	14	16	14	92	2.1	F	12	8	4	6	3	2	35			-12.8%	82	73	78	0						
N. American Martyrs	3,700L	1	B	-	0	7	5	4	1	17	.27	F	5	7	7	2	2	2	25			-6.5%				73,327						
Our Lady of Mercy	5,000L	2	B	13	10	18	21	16	14	92		F																				

## MAP 2: Pittsfield Region

PARISH	Pop/Priest Ratio	CP/GS	BAPTISM/FUNERALS (6 years)												Weekly Offer. Trend	Att. 2005	Att. 2006	Av. Att.	Debt To Diocese
			00	01	02	03	04	05	Total	RATIO									
Holy Family	4,500L	3	B	7	2	4	3	2	2	2	20	.19		179	166	173	207,863		
St. Charles	4,500	3	F	15	22	20	12	15	19	103									
St. Mark	4,500	3	B	71	77	52	76	76	70	422	1.2		2.5 %	1,031	1,119	1,075	0		
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	4,500L	3	F	85	55	37	57	47	60	341									
St. Teresa	4,500	3	B	24	23	17	23	17	23	127	.71		-0.5 %	1,089	517	803	49,519		
St. Joseph	4,500L	3	F	42	36	0	34	30	38	180									
All Souls Mission	4,500L	3	B	20	22	17	16	15	8	98	.26		-7.0 %	272	265	269	68,677		
Sacred Heart	4,500	3	F	59	79	56	65	55	58	372									
St. Francis Xavier	4,500L	3	B	12	19	16	23	15	13	98	.89		-8.6 %	474	494	484	0		
St. Mary Morn. Star	4,500L	3	F	22	24	17	17	18	12	110									
St. Agnes	7,000L	2	B	31	33	36	56	51	43	250	1.0		9.2 %	1,013	1,008	1,011	0		
St. Patrick Chapel	2,000L	2	F	38	28	42	53	36	52	249									
			B	2	5	1	3	3	2	16	.20		-	101	95	98	987		
			F	12	19	4	18	12	16	81									
			B	61	48	49	46	39	47	290	1.1		-4.8 %	1,141	1,079	1,110	27,846		
			F	59	32	50	43	41	46	271									
			B	5	2	2	5	1	0	15	.47		-12.7 %	102	87	95	7,370		
			F	8	10	1	9	4	0	32									
			B	6	8	-	3	5	6	28	.20		-12.1 %	279	282	281	104,570		
			F	34	30	-	27	28	18	137									
			B	63	59	57	52	40	40	311	1.2		38.6 %	1,169	1,263	1,216	57,002		
			F	30	50	49	33	48	47	257									
			B	4	7	1	-	-	-	12	.71		-	94	116	105	246		
			F	7	6	4	-	-	-	17									

**MAP 3: Lee Regional Map**

Parish	Priest/Pop. Ratio	CP/GS	Baptisms/Funerals (6 years)										Weekly Offer. Trend	Att. 2005	Att. 2006	Av. Att.	Debt To Diocese
			00	01	02	03	04	05	Total	RATIO							
St. Ann	2,500L	2	B	32	30	23	33	22	38	37	178	1.3	511	488	500	0	
St. Vincent De Paul	2,500L	2	F	35	21	15	11	17	37	136	1.3	119	130	125	0		
St. Mary	6,000L	2	B	3	1	4	1	4	3	16	.94	679	792	736	295,890		
St. Patrick	2,000L	2	F	1	4	0	3	3	6	17	1.1	104	118	111	102,246		
Corpus Christi	2,700L	2	B	27	33	47	38	34	26	205	.95	411	247	329	0		
All Saints	2,700L	2	F	35	49	41	33	33	24	215	1.1	61	51	56	904		
St. Peter	2,700L	1	B	2	1	2	3	0	1	9	.41	436	498	467	64,832		
St. Mary of the Lakes M	1,500L	1	F	5	10	2	1	3	1	22	.16	76	56	66	860		
St. Joseph	2,000L	2	B	-	4	8	-	17	-	-	-	39	129	84	40,842		
Our Lady of the Hills M	1,000L	1	F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	0		
Immaculate Concep. M	1,500L	1	B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	0		
Our Lady of the Valley	3,500L	1	F	18	19	8	13	7	9	74	1.00	217	203	210	0		
			F	7	4	9	17	21	16	74	1.00						

MAP 4: Greenfield Region

Parish	Pop./Priest Ratio	CP/GS	Baptisms/Funerals (6 years)												Weekly Offer. Trend	Att. 2005	Att. 2006	Av. Att.	Debt To Diocese
			00	01	02	03	04	05	Total	RATIO									
St. Joseph	2,000L	1	B	10	18	18	16	5	5	15	15	72	.68	17.2%	181	195	188	0	
St. Patrick	3,000L	1	F	24	12	32	8	15	10	106	1.5	76	1.5	-5%	225	196	211	0	
St. Christopher	1,500L	1	F	2	11	9	12	6	11	51	1.5	51	1.5	3.4%	33	35	34	0	
St. John Mission	2,000L	1	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67	50	59	0	
Our Lady of Czestoch.	4,000	3	B	15	19	18	17	25	18	112	.97	112	.97	16.3%	533	596	565	1,578	
St. John	2,000	1	F	21	15	17	19	20	24	116	1.1	116	1.1	-11.2%	73	66	70	0	
St. Mary	8,000	1	B	2	0	3	1	1	1	8	.13	8	.13	-1.7%	415	347	381	0	
St. Mark Mission	2,000L	1	F	15	13	13	10	8	5	64	1.1	64	1.1	3.4%	67	57	62	539	
St. James	2,000L	2	B	26	20	32	15	15	20	128	.89	128	.89	-	211	209	210	1,376	
St. Stanislaus	2,000L	2	F	27	30	23	17	26	21	144	1.1	144	1.1	-	366	335	351	6,174	
Our Lady of Peace	4,000	3	B	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2.0	2	2.0	-1.4%	211	209	210	12,301	
Holy Trinity	9,000	3	F	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1.1	1	1.1	-	357	516	437	0	
Blessed Sacrament	9,000	3	B	21	14	18	11	12	8	84	1.1	84	1.1	3.4%	586	626	606	0	
			F	20	8	13	12	11	12	76	1.1	76	1.1	-1.6%	604	553	579	10,369	
			B	11	12	16	14	17	17	87	.69	87	.69	3.4%	366	335	351	6,174	
			F	29	17	17	17	23	24	127	1.1	127	1.1	-	211	209	210	1,376	
			B	14	24	28	15	25	18	124	.67	124	.67	-	357	516	437	12,301	
			F	35	34	32	33	30	21	185	1.1	185	1.1	-	357	516	437	12,301	
			B	21	11	10	13	4	22	81	.47	81	.47	3.4%	586	626	606	0	
			F	37	31	30	29	22	24	173	1.1	173	1.1	-	357	516	437	12,301	
			B	15	19	8	9	12	9	72	.42	72	.42	-1.6%	604	553	579	10,369	
			F	31	33	31	19	28	29	171	1.1	171	1.1	3.4%	586	626	606	0	



**MAP 5: Northampton Region**

Parish	Pop./Priest Ratio	CP/GS	Baptisms/Funerals (6 years)												Weekly Offer. Trend	Att. 2005	Att. 2006	Av.	Debt To Diocese
			00	01	02	03	04	05	Total	RATIO									
Our Lady of the Hills	5000	3	B	10	17	8	8	9	10	10	62	.89	-8.7	-	460	460	0		
Holy Trinity	2000L	2	F	8	6	15	19	9	13	70									
Saint Joseph	2000L	2	B	7	1	2	2	3	0	15	.23	2.0%	108	108	108	0			
Annunciat.	5,000	3	F	6	21	10	11	7	10	65									
Saint Brigid	10,000	1	B	19	13	34	15	15	20	116	1.3	-1.8%	198	194	196	0			
Most Holy Redeemer	5000	2	F	12	26	16	16	18	4	92									
Sacred Heart	5000L	3	B	6	17	8	9	8	10	58	.3	-6.6%	340	345	343	6,338			
Saint John Cantuis	5000L	3	F	36	32	30	38	29	29	194									
Blessed Sacrament	5000	3	B	24	36	25	27	18	24	154	.94	3.1%	644	-	644	35,813			
St. Mary (Northamp.)	5000	3	F	25	20	30	29	25	34	163									
Notre Dame	5500	3	B	23	25	28	23	34	29	162	.63	-0.9%	765	624	695	0			
			F	43	39	29	42	53	52	258									
			B	8	7	7	5	6	6	39	.38	0.6%	288	285	287	2,429			
			F	12	20	18	14	16	22	102									
			B	5	2	7	1	2	3	20	.16	1.1%	210	232	221	2,643			
			F	27	19	21	15	24	20	126									
			B	16	22	18	16	12	17	101	.66	-	318	309	314	0			
			F	29	30	20	31	23	21	154									
			B	-	43	44	32	41	38	198	.94	-	482	417	450	5,937			
			F	-	46	33	39	47	45	210									
			B	16	15	18	24	15	14	102	.53	-2.4%	552	583	568	8,740			
			F	39	39	26	32	28	27	191									



**MAP 6: Holyoke Region**

Parish	Pop./Priest Ratio	CP/GS	Baptisms/Funerals (6 years)										Weekly Offer. Trend	Att. 2005	Att. 2006	Av.	Debt To Diocese
			00	01	02	03	04	05	Total	RATIO							
Immaculate Heart Mary	6,500	1	B	41	40	25	28	14	19	22	175	1.6	-4.2%	549	482	516	0
Saint Theresa	8,500	3	F	17	18	20	16	19	22	112	1.0	-3.6%	439	460	450	0	
Mater Dolorosa	6,500	3	B	37	30	31	23	13	19	153	.22	20.6%	892	853	873	520,430	
Holy Cross	6,500	3	F	-	21	13	-	-	24	58	.85	-10%	570	517	544	0	
Saint Jerome	6,500	3	B	52	48	41	42	45	33	261	.42	-2.8%	726	779	753	0	
Immaculate Conception	6,500	3	F	-	57	60	65	68	58	308	2.0	-15.3%	203	171	187	152,898	
Blessed Sacrament	6,500	3	B	8	17	16	17	16	11	85	.35	-	837	762	800	4,452	
Our Lady of Guadalupe	6,500	3	F	35	30	36	35	28	37	201	2.7	-6.7%	711	749	730	172,466	
Saint Patrick	8,500	3	B	61	62	47	35	36	16	257	.91	4.7%	1038	1032	1035	7,528	
			F	24	19	23	23	22	15	126							
			B	13	17	24	21	13	15	103							
			F	57	57	51	51	61	16	293							
			B	71	82	50	-	86	66	355							
			F	-	45	36	-	24	28	133							
			B	95	72	76	69	44	48	404							
			F	69	61	69	80	77	86	442							

**MAP 7: Chicopee Region**

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Parish	Pop./Priest Ratio	CP/GS	Baptisms/Funerals (6 years)										Weekly Offer. Trend	Att.		Av.	Debt To Diocese
			00	01	02	03	04	05	Total	RATIO	2005	2006		Att.			
Saint Anne	5,500	3	B	35	34	31	31	32	46	209	.64	-6.2%	985	1000	993	\$4,692	
Saint Mary	5,500	3	F	22	62	63	60	55	60	322	.22	-5.1%	247	230	239	0	
Nativity	5,500	3	B	7	6	7	2	6	1	29	.16	-5.3%	279	275	277	\$6,779	
Saint Anthony	5,500	3	F	36	25	35	30	33	28	187	.30	-3.5%	366	491	429	\$8,615	
Saint Rose	5,500	3	B	8	9	15	9	10	6	57	.30	3.4%	1093	1148	1121	0	
Saint George	5,500	3	F	29	39	41	33	24	23	189	1.2	-9.1%	343	332	338	\$92,259	
Saint Stanislaus	5,500	3	B	97	88	67	82	83	83	500	.63	2.3%	2026	2262	2144	\$27,290	
Assumption	5,500	3	F	66	76	60	77	84	63	426	.80	0.4%	553	512	533	0	
Holy Name	5,500	3	B	13	26	-	-	19	-	58	1.9	1.2%	501	502	502	\$436,937	
Saint Patrick	5,500	3	F	37	35	-	-	20	-	92	1.0	-5.4%	581	562	572	\$5,909	
Christ the King	5,500	3	B	47	37	40	54	57	37	272	.73	2%	1282	1203	1243	\$18,897	
Saint John the Baptist	5,500	3	F	158	146	161	162	143	132	902	1.29	-0.2%	893	874	884	0	



MAP 8: Ware Region

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Parish	Pop./Priest Ratio	CP/GS	Baptisms/Funerals (6 years)												Weekly Offer. Trend	Att.		Av. Att.	Debt To Diocese
			00	01	02	03	04	05	Total	RATIO	2005	2006							
Saint Francis	14,000	1	B	49	71	41	41	39	55	296	2.0	870	779	825	0				
All Saints	5,000	3	F	14	23	22	19	21	23	122	.65	771	854	812	\$4,138				
Saint Mary	5,000	3	F	20	40	36	29	30	35	190	.83	595	727	661	\$30,205				
Saint Barthol.	3,500L	3	B	1	1	3	6	0	2	13	.76	133	97	115	\$4,876				
Saint Anne	3,500	3	F	15	12	14	16	12	7	76	.70	281	313	297	\$70,130				
Saints Peter and Paul	3,500	3	F	33	18	10	27	23	21	132	.57	970	823	897	0				
Saint Thomas	3,500L	3	B	21	25	22	23	12	17	99	.65	352	483	417	\$55,660				
Saint Patrick	9,000	1	F	18	24	28	21	33	26	124	2.0	284	404	344	\$2,638				
St. Christopher	3,500L	1	B	19	29	18	15	18	17	116	2.0	299	233	266	\$72,158				
			F	13	6	12	11	9	7	58									

**MAP 9: Springfield Region**

Parish	Pop./Priest Ratio	CP/GS	Baptisms/Funerals (6 years)												Weekly Offer. Trend	Att. 2005	Att. 2006	Av. Att.	Debt To Diocese
			00	01	02	03	04	05	05	Total	RATIO								
Saint Jude	8,500	3	B	17	23	30	20	9	14	14	113	.59	-16.1%	297	201	249	\$75,767		
Immaculate Conception	8,500	3	F	42	37	28	32	28	24	24	191	.36	-5.8%	658	619	639	\$94,096		
Our Lady Sacred H.	8,500	3	B	28	35	40	40	39	35	35	217	.65	-1%	725	553	639	\$203,585		
Saint Cecilia	14,000	1	F	30	32	39	37	34	34	34	206	2.2	-1.2%	1965	1441	1703	11,287		
St. Cather. Siena	8,500	3	F	38	55	34	54	60	75	75	316	.87	-2%	1061	1124	1093	0		
Saint Patrick	8,500	3	B	130	109	132	102	108	103	103	684	1.2	7.3%	1046		1046	0		
Saint Mary (Hampden)	5,500	1	F	55	50	53	40	68	51	51	317	3.31	-0.3%	1120	587	854	0		
St. Michael (East Long.)	5,000	2	B	80	74	40	31	28	69	69	322	1.4	7.4%	1952	2273	2113	\$8,585		
Saint Mary (Longmead)	15,500	1	F	65	53	62	70	58	62	62	370	1.81	0.6%	1513	848	1181	\$27,087		
St. Paul the Apostle	8,500	3	B	23	25	28	15	27	25	25	143	.57	-2%	324	290	307	0		
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	8,500L	3	F	13	11	31	32	28	30	30	115	.51	-6.7%	757	654	706	\$28		
Holy Name	8,500	3	B	-	-	26	25	21	21	21	93	.80	4.9%	2514	1456	1985	\$1,321,026		
			F	-	-	13	0	0	15	15	28	.80							





**MAP 10: Agawam Region**

Parish	Pop./Priest Ratio		CP/GS	Baptisms/Funerals (6 years)												Weekly Offer. Trend	Att.		Av. Att.	Debt To Diocese		
				00						01							Total	RATIO			2005	2006
				00	01	02	03	04	05	00	01	02	03	04	05							
Saint Mary	10,000	█	3	B	95	96	109	78	77	78	78	533	1.2	█	1,666	1635	1651	\$9,551				
Blessed Sacrament	10,000	█	3	F	57	54	86	69	87	109	462	█	█									
Holy Trinity	10,000	█	3	B	61	53	30	39	38	33	254	.97	█	826	922	874	\$5,612					
Saint Peter and Casmir	10,000	█	3	F	43	60	44	51	32	31	261	█	█									
Saint Thomas(ws)	7,500	█	3	B	27	19	22	36	-	34	138	.98	█		566	566	\$140,658					
Immaculate Concep.	7,500L	█	3	F	40	20	30	23	-	28	141	█	█									
St. Louis de France	7,500L	█	3	B	32	-	24	-	34	14	104	.78	-	459	386	423	0					
Saint Ann Mission	7,500L	█	3	F	37	-	32	-	40	24	133	█	█									
Saint John Mission (Ch.)	1,500L	█	1	B	62	57	69	57	65	77	387	.97	-	2130	2126	2128	0					
Saint Thomas(Hu.)	2,000L	█	1	F	79	60	70	56	64	69	398	█	█									
Our Lady of Rosary(Rus.)	2,000L	█	1	B	43	40	39	41	35	41	239	.61	-5.1%	240	218	229	\$159,658					
All Saints	10,000	█	3	F	47	53	63	81	81	64	389	█	█									
Sacred Heart	10,000	█	3	B	1	3	1	2	1	0	8	1.1	0.9%	80	73	77	\$4,595					
St. John	10,000	█	3	F	0	2	0	4	0	1	7	█	█									
Our Lady of the Lake	9,500	█	1	B	7	5	5	3	9	3	32	.23	-7.2%		379	379	\$1,638					
				F	19	25	28	20	27	18	137	█	█									
				B	6	2	5	5	2	0	20	1.4	-6.3%	66	56	61	\$4,298					
				F	1	4	2	1	3	3	14	█	█									
				B	9	10	8	8	4	4	43	1.5	0.4%	209	191	200	\$17,194					
				F	1	1	10	5	5	6	28	█	█									
				B	20	6	7	9	6	5	53	1.7	-11.8%	119	99	109	0					
				F	5	8	6	7	0	5	31	█	█									
				B	17	15	22	4	9	16	83	.61	2.7%	574	592	583	0					
				F	17	15	21	18	38	26	135	█	█									
				B	54	46	44	43	38	33	258	.97	-7.7%	1081	1010	1046	0					
				F	62	45	35	49	29	47	267	█	█									
				B	-	58	56	54	31	54	253	.81	-3.7%	1173	1432	1303	\$24,715					
				F	-	55	61	35	42	119	302	█	█									
				B	30	37	32	33	23	20	175	1.6	4.3%	768	767	768	0					
				F	20	22	20	13	19	14	108	█	█									

## Population Calculations

Population figures utilized to determine each parish's Population/Priest ratio are estimates of the population a parish would serve based on its location. In instances where there are two or more parishes within a city or town, the population of the city or town is divided evenly among all parishes. When a parish is located adjacent to a city or town without a parish, population from the adjacent city or town is added to the parish's total population served. This calculation is intended to account for the fact that residents from communities that lack a parish are likely to attend services in adjacent cities or towns that possess parishes.

In calculating Population/Priest ratios, it is necessary to account for the fact that many parishes are currently linked to parishes in other communities and are utilizing less than one full-time priest to meet the needs of their parishioners. A parish linked to another parish utilizes the equivalent of .5 priests. Therefore, if the parish is located in a city or town with a population of 5,000, the parish's Population/Priest ratio would be calculated in the following manner:

$$5,000 / .5 \text{ (priests)} \text{ equals a Population/Priest ratio of } 10,000 \text{ to } 1 \text{ (priest)}$$

The following tables present how population was assigned to each parish in the study. Population figures are rounded in order to facilitate rapid mental calculations when considering alternative parish configurations.

**Population Table for Population/Priest Ratio Calculations**

Parish	Primary Population	Additional Population	Rounded Total
<b>North Adams Region</b>			
St. Patrick/St. Raphael	8,200	500 Hancock/New Ashford	9,000
St. Anthony	4,600	300 Clarksburg/Florida	5,000
St. Francis	4,600	300 Clarksburg/Florida	5,000
Notre Dame/St. Thomas	4,200	300 New Ashford/Savoy	4,500
St. Stanislaus	4,200	300 New Ashford/Savoy	4,500
St. Mary of Assumption	3,300	400 Windsor	3,700
North American Martyrs	3,000	600 Hancock	3,700
Our Lady of Mercy	4,600	300 Clarksburg/Florida	5,000
<b>Pittsfield Region</b>			
St. Agnes	6,700	400 Windsor/Peru	7,000
St. Patrick Chapel	1,800	400 Peru	2,000
All Other Parishes in Pittsfield Region	4,500		4,500
<b>Lee Region</b>			
St. Ann St. Vincent DePaul	2,500		2,500
St. Mary	5,000	700 Becket	6,000

St. Patrick St. Joseph	1,500	400 Richmond	2,000
St. Peter All Saints	2,700		2,700
Corpus Christi	2,500	200 Alford/Egremont	2,700
St. Mary of the Lakes	1,300	200 Tolland/Beckett	1,500
Our Lady of the Hills	900	100 Sandisfield	1,000
Immaculate Conception	1,500	100 Sandisfield	1,500
Our Lady of the Valley	3,300	200 Egremont/M. Wash.	3,500
<b>Greenfield Region</b>			
St. Joseph	2,000		
St. Patrick	3,000		
St. Christopher M.	1,300	200 Heath/Hawley	1,500
St. John Mission	1,800	300 Heath/Leyden	2,000
Our Lady of Czes. Our Lady of Peace	4,000		4,000
St. John	1,500	400 Wendell/Gill	2,000
St. Mary	7,700	300 New Salem/Wendell	8,000
St. Mark M.	1,800	300 Ashfield/Goshen	2,000

St. James St. Stanislaus	1,500	500 Sunderland	2,000
Holy Trinity Blessed Sacrament	9,000		9,000
<b>Northampton Region</b>			
St. Brigid	10,000	Does not include population served by the Newman Center	10,000
Holy Trinity St. Joseph	1,500	500 Whately	2,000
Our Lady of the Hills Annunciation Blessed Sacrament St. Mary of Assum. Sacred Heart St. John Cantius	5,000		5,000
Notre Dame Immaculate Con. Sacred Heart	5,500		5,500
<b>Holyoke Region</b>			
Immaculate Heart of Mary	6,500		6,500
St. Teresa St. Patrick	8,500		8,500
All Other Parishes in the Holyoke Region	6,500		6,500
<b>Chicopee Region</b>			
All Parishes in the Chicopee Region	5,500		5,500
<b>Ware Region</b>			
St. Francis	14,000		14,000
All Saints Saint Mary	5,000		5,000
St. Patrick	9,000		9,000

All Other Parishes in Ware Region	3,500		3,500
<b>Springfield Region</b>			
St. Cecilia	14,000		14,000
St. Mary (Hampden)	5,500		5,500
St. Michael	5,000		5,000
St. Mary (Longmea.)	15,500		15,500
All Other Parishes in the Springfield Region	8,500		8,500
<b>Agawam Region</b>			
St. Mary Blessed Sacrament Holy Trinity Sts. Peter and Casmir	10,000		10,000
St. Thomas Immaculate Concep. St. Louis de France St. Ann Mission	7,500		7,500
St. John Mission	1,500		1,500
St. Thomas Our Lady of the Rosary	2,000		2,000
All Saints Sacred Heart St. John	10,000		10,000
Our Lady of the Lakes	9,500		9,500

# APPENDIX B

DATA SUPPLEMENTAL  
TO THE  
UMASS REPORT  
FOR EACH REGION

BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS  
AND OTHER SACRAMENTS

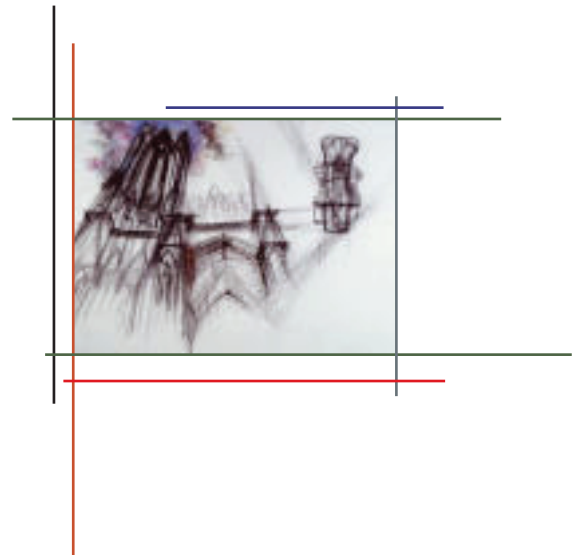








FIGURE 12: Region 1 Sacramental data.

NAME	CITY	COUNTY		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL	B/F Ratio
Notre Dame-St. Thomas	Adams	Berkshire	B	42	28	37	41	40	29	20	24	18	279	0.46
			F	47	68	60	68	66	78	67	67	62	583	
			FC	37	41	37	32	34	24	17	33	19	274	
			C	34	32	29	25	23	28	38	20	17	246	
			M	10	18	12	4	3	15	4	5	4	75	
St. Stanislaus	Adams	Berkshire	B	14	15	9	9	9	15	7	7	9	94	0.21
			F	49	58	47	40	44	51	39	44	57	429	
			FC	34	27	30	21	15	11	7	16	12	173	
			C	15	26	29	0	8	9	9	7	9	112	
			M	1	10	3	1	3	6	2	6	6	38	
St. Mary	Cheshire	Berkshire	B	25	11	10	18	14	10	35	27	26	176	1.06
			F	14	20	14	14	16	14	23	20	20	155	
			FC	28	25	24	22	31	21	15	17	16	199	
			C	17	16	16	20	17	32	45	22	28	213	
			M	4	5	2	8	7	5	8	6	5	50	
N. American Martyrs	Lanesboro	Berkshire	B	12	8	4	6	3	2	7	6	2	50	1.35
			F	5	0	7	5	4	1	0	4	3	29	
			FC	10	12	5	9	17	13	9	6	7	88	
			C	0	0	24	24	14	8	5	5	0	80	
			M	3	3	3	1	3	0	0	2	0	15	
O. L. of Mercy	North Adams	Berkshire	B	5	7	7	2	2	2	2	3	0	30	0.25
			F	13	10	18	21	16	14	10	0	12	114	
			FC	5	2	2	0	1	1	32	0	0	43	
			C	7	8	5	0	3	7	4	0	0	34	
			M	4	5	5	5	3	3	1	0	0	26	
St. Anthony	North Adams	Berkshire	B	4	7	7	4	10	8	15	26	14	95	0.22
			F	55	47	53	54	49	31	29	55	45	418	
			FC	11	12	8	7	11	0	32	7	12	100	
			C	10	10	10	8	15	19	2	14	9	97	
			M	6	6	7	3	4	5	5	3	4	43	
St. Francis	North Adams	Berkshire	B	43	42	40	43	40	81	22	30	22	363	0.63
			F	44	63	75	69	67	58	66	39	54	535	
			FC	34	17	25	22	13	26	32	14	16	199	
			C	17	29	16	9	10	19	15	0	0	115	
			M	7	6	9	6	3	8	6	5	2	52	
Sts. Patrick & Raphael	Williamstown	Berkshire	B	20	12	19	10	15	14	23	10	16	139	0.58
			F	29	26	27	21	25	30	29	21	19	227	
			FC	16	9	16	20	16	23	13	15	7	135	
			C	17	41	15	23	9	13	12	9	11	150	
			M	19	18	12	12	5	4	11	5	9	95	



FIGURE 13: Region 2 Sacramental data.

NAME	CITY	COUNTY		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL	B/F Ratio
St. Agnes	Dalton	Berkshire	B	63	59	57	52	40	40	35	39	34	419	0.88
			F	30	50	49	33	48	47	59	53	49	418	
			FC	60	55	66	56	69	65	57	58	49	535	
			C	59	46	38	44	56	38	55	52	38	426	
			M	14	12	13	23	13	14	11	10	7	117	
St. Patrick Chapel	Hinsdale	Berkshire	B	4	7	1							12	0.50
			F	7	6	4							17	
			FC	3	5	5							13	
			C	7	16	16							39	
			M	0	0	0							0	
St. Charles	Pittsfield	Berkshire	B	71	77	52	76	76	70	50	68	60	600	0.94
			F	85	55	37	57	47	60	69	67	81	558	
			FC	87	75	94	60	77	66	53	53	39	604	
			C	66	57	65	49	59	55	15	51	55	472	
			M	30	24	29	25	21	26	21	20	19	215	
St. Mark	Pittsfield	Berkshire	B	24	23	17	23	17	23	28	29	27	211	0.68
			F	42	36	0	34	30	38	35	34	37	286	
			FC	30	43	38	32	38	26	27	18	17	269	
			C	31	20	27	29	25	32	17	6	18	205	
			M	8	5	6	7	8	10	7	11	12	74	
St. Joseph	Pittsfield	Berkshire	B	31	33	36	56	51	43	37	48	48	383	0.94
			F	38	28	42	53	36	52	45	39	41	374	
			FC	32	37	29	45	32	25	25	27	31	283	
			C	39	35	22	12	36	0	42	3	31	220	
			M	15	23	30	19	13	10	12	15	10	147	



<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Pittsfield	Berkshire	B	61	48	49	46	39	47	35	29	32	386	0.85
			F	59	32	50	43	41	46	38	53	46	408	
			FC	87	75	94	60	77	66	53	53	39	604	
			C	66	57	65	49	59	55	15	51	55	472	
			M	12	17	20	12	13	9	10	7	9	109	
<b>All Souls Mission</b>	Pittsfield	Berkshire	B	2	5	1	3	3	2	2			18	
			F	12	19	4	18	12	16	17			98	
			FC	3	3	1	0	1	1	0			9	
			C	0	0	1	0	0	1	2			4	
			M	1	1	0	1	0	1	2			6	
<b>Holy Family</b>	Pittsfield	Berkshire	B	7	2	4	3	2	2	2			22	
			F	15	22	20	12	15	19	16			119	
			FC	3	1	3	5	0	5	0			17	
			C	19	19	12	12	0	0	4			66	
			M	0	0	2	2	2	0	0			6	
<b>Mt. Carmel</b>	Pittsfield	Berkshire	B	20	22	17	16	15	8	8			106	
			F	59	79	56	65	55	58	48			420	
			FC	9	15	16	10	17	7	10			84	
			C	10	9	11	5	10	8	5			58	
			M	13	8	5	8	2	5	3			44	
<b>St. Mary</b>	Pittsfield	Berkshire	B	6	8		3	5	6	8			36	
			F	34	30		27	28	18	13			150	
			FC	7		0	5	7	7	5			31	
			C	0	7		18	18	14	7			64	
			M		2		2	3	3	3			13	
<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	Pittsfield	Berkshire	B	5	2	2	5	1	0	0			15	
			F	8	10	1	9	4	0	3			35	
			FC	7	8	4	10	0	0	5			34	
			C	8	8	15	0	0	12	6			49	
			M	1	0	0	0	0	0	1			2	



FIGURE 14: Region 3 Sacramental data.

NAME	CITY	COUNTY		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL	B/F Ratio	
All Saints	Housatonic	Berkshire	B	2	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	11	0.28	
			F	5	10	2	1	3	1	0	4	12	38		
			FC	5	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	13	
			C	10	10	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	
			M	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Corpus Christi	Housatonic	Berkshire	B	5	5	7	10	5	2	1	0	5	40	0.74	
			F	3	11	4	5	2	5	3	3	13	49		
			FC	5	2	5	8	8	6	2	6	0	42		
			C	19	19	19	14	0	0	17	0	0	88		
			M	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	9		
St. Peter	Great Barrington	Berkshire	B	13	4	8	13	17	17	0	1	8	81	0.53	
			F	23	26	17	11	15	22	27	34	32	207		
			FC	17	25	26	23	20	8	11	15	4	149		
			C	11	13	16	15	19	8	3	12	0	97		
			M	6	5	6	4	9	4	7	6	5	52		
St. Mary	Lee	Berkshire	B	27	33	47	38	34	26	37	32	20	294	0.84	
			F	35	49	41	33	33	24	37	28	38	318		
			FC	39	48	38	48	39	51	26	36	20	345		
			C	32	25	24	28	12	50	25	26	21	243		
			M	18	15	14	11	11	13	0	11	9	102		
St. Ann	Lenox	Berkshire	B	32	30	23	33	22	38	22	22	28	250	1.02	
			F	35	21	15	11	17	37	32	19	27	214		
			FC	34	23	31	37	14	21	23	31	21	235		
			C	24	24	27	19	14	33	29	20	18	208		
			M	19	24	26	29	20	15	18	19	26	196		
St. Vincent	Lenox Dale	Berkshire	B	3	1	4	1	4	3	5	1	4	26	0.96	
			F	1	4	0	3	3	6	5	2	2	26		
			FC	3	5	3	2	3	1	3	1	4	25		
			C	6	1	5	5	3	3	3	1	0	27		
			M	3	1	2	2	1	1	4	1	2	17		
O.L. Hills Mission	Monterey		All Sacraments at O.L. of the Valley.												
Immaculate Conception Mission	New Marlborough		All Sacraments at O.L. of the Valley.												
St. Mary - Lakes Mission	Otis	Berkshire	B	1	3	3	3	2	6	0	0	0	18	2.25	
			F	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	5		
			FC	2	3	0	5	2	0	0	0	2	14		
			C	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	5		
			M	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4		



<b>O. L. Valley</b>	Sheffield	Berkshire	B	18	19	8	13	7	9	6	5	6	91	0.66
			F	7	4	9	17	21	16	16	15	13	118	
			FC	12	17	12	0	8	0	9	0	8	66	
			C	8	12	10	12	12	11	10	11	11	97	
			M	13	4	7	6	4	6	7	5	3	55	
<b>St. Joseph</b>	Stockbridge	Berkshire	B	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0.15
			F	5	5	7	8	5	0	10	1	3	44	
			FC	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
			C	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	
			M	4	0	1	3	3	1	4	8	7	31	
<b>St. Patrick</b>	West Stockbridge	Berkshire	B	2	2	3	4	0	1	1	2	4	19	0.19
			F	10	11	8	6	10	6	17	19	13	100	
			FC	6	8	5	0	3	1	4	0	0	27	
			C	4	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	5	18	
			M	0	0	2	3	2	1	1	0	1	10	



FIGURE 15: Region 4 Sacramental data.

NAME	CITY	COUNTY		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	B/F Ratio
<b>St. Christopher</b>	Charlemont	Franklin		All Sacraments St. Joseph Shelburne Falls									
<b>St. John Mission</b>	Colrain	Franklin		All Sacraments St. Joseph Shelburne Falls									
<b>St. Mark Mission</b>	Conway	Franklin	B	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.67
			F	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	
			FC	0	3	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	
			C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			M	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Bld Sacrament</b>	Greenfield	Franklin	B	15	19	8	9	12	9	14	21	5	0.43
			F	31	33	31	19	28	29	16	27	30	
			FC	17	17	16	18	12	19	20	13	13	
			C	18	16	3	20	22	7	20	27	17	
			M	3	6	8	2	2	3	6	6	6	
<b>Holy Trinity</b>	Greenfield	Franklin	B	21	11	10	13	4	22	10	18	4	0.41
			F	37	31	30	29	22	24	32	33	29	
			FC	20	22	19	25	18	17	15	19	14	
			C	9	6	17	35	13	16	13	16	9	
			M	7	3	5	8	8	4	3	6	2	
<b>St. John</b>	Millers Falls	Franklin	B	2	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0.10
			F	15	13	13	10	8	5	2	8	7	
			FC	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
			C	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
<b>St. Patrick</b>	Northfield	Franklin	B	25	19	8	8	6	10	3	3	2	0.88
			F	2	11	9	12	6	11	9	9	8	
			FC	16	17	16	13	8	19	7	11	6	
			C	9	0	13	0	10	0	0	10	0	
			M	5	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	
<b>St. Mary</b>	Orange	Franklin	B	26	20	32	15	15	20	11	13	14	0.69
			F	27	30	23	17	26	21	31	24	23	
			FC	29	23	19	23	19	17	16	11	12	
			C	37	1	27	20	13	17	19	11	12	
			M	2	8	9	4	2	4	5	5	4	
<b>St. Joseph</b>	Shelburne Falls	Franklin	B	10	18	18	16	5	5	9	2	5	0.54
			F	24	12	32	8	15	15	15	11	12	
			FC	12	9	9	5	8	8	7	4	5	
			C	0	13	0	0	0	0	9	11	11	
			M	6	3	6	5	1	1	1	0	2	



<b>St. James</b>	South Deerfield	Franklin	B	21	15	18	11	12	8	3	4	18	0.76
			F	20	8	13	12	11	12	9	15	30	
			FC	19	14	13	16	15	19	11	6	5	
			C	0	36	0	41	0	0	0	0	8	
			M	10	9	6	4	4	4	4	1	2	
<b>St. Stanislaus</b>	South Deerfield	Franklin	B	11	12	16	14	17	17	11	11	10	0.56
			F	29	17	17	17	23	24	25	28	22	
			FC	13	16	12	14	18	15	20	7	10	
			C	8	13	7	11	7	13	16	33	15	
			M	2	6	5	1	6	3	1	0	1	
<b>O. L. of Czestochowa</b>	Turners Falls	Franklin	B	15	19	18	17	25	18	13	15	14	0.78
			F	21	15	17	19	20	24	21	25	17	
			FC	11	14	9	6	20	11	16	14	11	
			C	0	25	15	20	0	14	19	19	8	
			M	11	9	4	5	7	8	2	7	6	
<b>O. L. of Peace</b>	Turners Falls	Franklin	B	14	24	28	15	25	18	10	16	13	0.61
			F	35	34	32	33	30	21	19	15	26	
			FC	9	20	22	20	14	14	13	18	15	
			C	19	24	19	21	30	13	22	19	16	
			M	8	7	8	4	5	2	2	7	6	



FIGURE 16: Region 5 Sacramental data.

NAME	CITY	COUNTY		2000	BAP 01	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	B/F Ratio
St. Brigid	Amherst	Hampshire	B	24	36	25	27	18	24	25	22	22	0.73
			F	25	20	30	29	25	34	33	37	37	
			FC	27	28	22	23	12	15	14	6	6	
			C	9	3	14	0	21	0	21	28	0	
			M	11	16	15	3	3	3	5	2	2	
Immaculate Conception	Easthampton	Hampshire	B	57	33	39	27	33	15	32	27	34	0.77
			F	39	39	40	36	47	39	35	35	42	
			FC	75	76	70	47	32	40	45	51	31	
			C	61	64	55	33	31	34	33	46	31	
			M	14	14	10	9	8	4	6	10	9	
Notre Dame	Easthampton	Hampshire	B	16	15	18	24	15	14	8	18	8	0.49
			F	39	39	26	32	28	27	26	25	20	
			FC	28	29	29	21	25	24	15	12	14	
			C	29	29	23	23	17	25	17	19	17	
			M	4	7	11	5	2	9	8	3	4	
Sacred Heart	Easthampton	Hampshire	B	20	16	15	22	23	13	25	9	3	0.44
			F	23	33	48	33	38	38	35	24	42	
			FC	14	17	8	16	19	15	13	12	15	
			C	11	8	19	10	11	13	16	9	20	
			M	7	6	6	7	8	6	8	2	0	
Annunciation	Florence	Hampshire	B	6	17	8	9	8	10	11	11	0	0.30
			F	36	32	30	38	29	29	36	21	0	
			FC	16	16	14	14	8	13	16	13	15	
			C	22	15	18	11	31	17	8	20	8	
			M	7	2	3	3	3	2	4	4	0	
Holy Redeemer	Hadley	Hampshire	B	23	25	28	23	34	29	16	18	3	0.47
			F	43	39	29	42	53	52	64	29	50	
			FC	24	26	18	18	21	28	25	19	15	
			C	19	37	24	28	19	18	16	16	11	
			M	13	7	6	7	12	3	9	3	1	
Holy Trinity	Hatfield	Hampshire	B	7	1	2	2	3	0	0	1	1	0.14
			F	6	21	10	11	7	10	15	21	20	
			FC	3	0	0	0	3	5	0	1	1	
			C	16	16	16	16	0	0	3	0	1	
			M	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	
St. Joseph	Hatfield	Hampshire	B	19	13	34	15	15	20	18	19	22	1.31
			F	12	26	16	16	18	4	0	18	11	
			FC	19	13	26	17	16	18	12	10	12	
			C	19	10	18	19	19	11	11	11	15	
			M	9	13	8	5	9	7	4	4	4	





<b>Our Lady of the Hills</b>	Haydenville	Hampshire	B	10	17	8	8	9	10	8	8	7	0.67
			F	8	6	15	19	9	13	7	7	25	
			FC	16	16	15	17	17	4	20	10	11	
			C	13	17	7	8	7	8	8	22	17	
			M	7	4	5	4	2	0	1	1	7	
<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>	Northampton	Hampshire	B	16	22	18	16	12	17	14	9	7	0.49
			F	29	30	20	31	23	21	34	37	23	
			FC	12	22	21	11	8	11	9	7	8	
			C	14	18	20	6	17	10	14	10	9	
			M	5	15	11	9	4	5	6	6	5	
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Northampton	Hampshire	B	8	7	7	5	6	6	8	3	7	0.35
			F	12	20	18	14	16	22	15	18	20	
			FC	5	6	10	9	6	4	6	0	5	
			C	5	2	3	4	4	6	3	2	2	
			M	4	1	1	1	2	4	0	2	3	
<b>St. John Cantius</b>	Northampton	Hampshire	B	5	2	7	1	2	3	0	1	0	0.11
			F	27	19	21	15	24	20	29	26	15	
			FC	2	2	7	3	0	1	5	2	2	
			C	0	5	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	
			M	3	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	
<b>St. Mary</b>	Northampton	Hampshire	B	36	43	44	32	41	38	15	19	11	0.75
			F	42	46	33	39	47	45	34	27	16	
			FC	25	27	22	17	20	22	13	17	7	
			C	54	9	13	8	14	12	22	22	15	
			M	37	28	18	34	26	19	17	6	9	



FIGURE 17: Region 6 Sacramental data.

NAME	CITY	COUNTY		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL	B/F Ratio
<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Granby	Hampshire	B	41	40	25	28	14	27	16	27	10	228	1.09
			F	17	18	20	16	19	22	22	12	24	170	
			FC	44	54	40	46	46	40	22	34	34	360	
			C	24	28	39	31	25	25	22	20	15	229	
			M	7	4	5	6	1	7	5	4	3	42	
<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>	Holyoke	Hampden	B	13	17	24	21	13	15	10	21	34	168	0.29
			F	57	57	51	51	61	60	66	77	75	555	
			FC	59	40	41	35	35	24	24	28	28	314	
			C	23	28	42	45	20	15	0	0	19	192	
			M	4	8	10	5	3	3	3	3	3	45	
<b>Holy Cross</b>	Holyoke	Hampden	B	52	48	41	42	45	33	31	26	31	349	0.61
			F	71	57	60	65	68	58	44	60	41	524	
			FC	37	15	36	16	27	25	19	24	17	216	
			C	40	42	26	23	24	22	37	75	31	320	
			M	29	30	22	19	18	18	13	12	13	174	
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	Holyoke	Hampden	B	61	62	47	35	36	16	33	24	13	327	1.56
			F	24	19	23	23	22	15	11	7	3	147	
			FC	15	23	33	0	33	18	20	20	13	175	
			C	6	20	9	6	1	0	1	5	7	55	
			M	7	9	4	3	5	2	0	0	0	30	
<b>Mater Dolorosa</b>	Holyoke	Hampden	B	32	21	13	26	18	24	22	26	15	197	0.24
			F	103	102	82	86	83	77	69	78	106	786	
			FC	31	34	31	57	37	43	42	38	48	361	
			C	29	23	38	11	35	30	21	30	21	238	
			M	13	10	19	8	9	5	10	9	5	88	
<b>O. L. of Guadalupe</b>	Holyoke	Hampden	B	71	82	50	72	86	66	96	70	71	664	1.72
			F	54	45	36	32	24	28	30	29	25	303	
			FC	62	41	36	78	54	45	51	50	23	440	
			C	8	0	20	24	0	19	14	7	7	99	
			M	3	2	11	12	6	10	14	3	2	63	
<b>St. Jerome</b>	Holyoke	Hampden	B	8	17	16	17	16	11	14	17	13	129	0.39
			F	35	30	36	35	28	37	45	26	44	316	
			FC	0	5	17	4	15	3	17	10	6	77	
			C	20	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	32	
			M	1	7	11	5	1	7	4	9	8	53	
<b>St. Patrick</b>	South Hadley	Hampshire	B	95	72	76	69	44	48	48	70	47	569	0.78
			F	69	61	69	80	77	86	72	73	73	660	
			FC	76	61	57	63	42	43	54	46	44	486	
			C	42	45	48	41	62	42	37	40	42	399	
			M	17	16	12	5	16	10	8	8	10	102	



<b>St. Theresa</b> South Hadley Hampshire	B	38	31	27	30	17	12	8	5	9	177	0.65
	F	37	30	31	23	13	19	25	31	32	241	
	FC	20	47	26	17	23	24	18	18	8	201	
	C	40	36	17	21	16	25	18	4	13	190	
	M	18	26	13	16	1	11	6	5	5	101	



FIGURE 18: Region 7 Sacramental data.

NAME	CITY	COUNTY		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL	B/F Ratio
Assumption	Chicopee	Hampden	B	32	29	35	25	25	22	25	38	43	274	0.72
			F	35	34	39	25	38	38	39	38	43	329	
			FC	14	13	9	14	10	12	13	9	6	100	
			C	15	14	13	6	7	17	26	8	9	115	
			M	24	15	18	15	12	13	9	8	5	119	
Holy Name	Chicopee	Hampden	B	32	25	22	44	44	57	40	56	48	368	1.26
			F	33	9	8	22	20	23	24	54	74	267	
			FC	22	28	28	23	21	29	20	22	28	221	
			C	22	29	29	18	18	29	17	11	10	183	
			M	20	7	11	18	31	33	26	16	15	177	
Nativity	Chicopee	Hampden	B	7	6	7	2	6	1	3	4	1	37	0.13
			F	36	25	35	30	33	28	28	31	31	277	
			FC	9	10	5	6	7	8	8	1	7	61	
			C	15	7	10	13	1	4	3	3	0	56	
			M	2	1	3	0	2	1	2	1	3	15	
St. Anne	Chicopee	Hampden	B	35	34	31	31	32	46	31	28	21	289	0.53
			F	48	62	63	60	55	60	63	54	49	514	
			FC	35	22	36	31	28	26	33	25	25	261	
			C	31	21	23	19	30	26	25	28	28	231	
			M	17	7	11	6	7	14	0	9	5	76	
St. Anthony	Chicopee	Hampden	B	8	9	15	9	10	6	9	15	10	91	0.31
			F	29	39	41	33	24	23	29	28	35	281	
			FC	3	9	2	0	8	7	6	9	8	52	
			C	4	1	1	4	4	7	8	2	7	38	
			M	7	6	3	2	3	2	4	1	1	29	
St. George	Chicopee	Hampden	B	13	26	20	19	19	9	8	11	11	136	0.55
			F	37	35	29	20	20	18	18	24	20	221	
			FC	24	24	25	16	15	12	5	9	10	140	
			C	18	17	23	16	16	15	17	14	15	151	
			M	9	12	10	3	3	3	6	3	4	53	
St. Mary	Chicopee	Hampden	B	9	5	9	2	4	2	3	4	1	39	0.19
			F	24	15	24	26	26	26	22	20	14	197	
			FC	12	12	8	1	8	4	4	3	3	55	
			C	7	7	6	10	9	7	5	5	0	56	
			M	15	6	2	0	1	0	1	3	1	29	
St. Patrick	Chicopee	Hampden	B	41	29	49	67	51	50	59	37	40	423	0.92
			F	41	44	52	59	45	41	37	62	50	431	
			FC	40	26	27	28	29	18	14	14	19	215	
			C	26	42	31	11	23	29	29	27	39	257	
			M	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	117	



<b>St. Rose</b>	Chicopee Hampden	B	97	88	67	82	83	81	2	55	70	625	0.89
		F	66	76	60	77	84	63	60	49	79	614	
		FC	74	82	92	75	76	65	71	75	54	664	
		C	53	40	47	29	50	51	54	42	46	412	
		M	40	26	27	28	29	18	14	14	19	215	
<b>St. Stanislaus</b>	Chicopee Hampden	B	47	37	40	54	57	37	46	42	37	397	0.28
		F	158	146	161	162	143	132	144	151	160	1,357	
		FC	56	47	62	50	46	56	53	49	51	470	
		C	52	47	44	40	36	37	34	0	50	340	
		M	16	27	23	30	18	12	22	20	21	189	
<b>Assumption</b>	Ludlow Hampden	B	21	19	30	33	18	22	28	20	28	219	0.79
		F	44	24	21	32	26	33	27	27	24	258	
		FC	25	37	36	30	35	33	40	31	28	295	
		C	26	62	62	35	32	35	40	31	40	363	
		M	16	10	5	9	8	6	9	11	6	80	
<b>Christ the King</b>	Ludlow Hampden	B	26	23	28	24	22	18	17	21	17	196	0.49
		F	25	51	40	85	49	37	42	21	27	377	
		FC	17	23	16	22	33	16	21	18	23	189	
		C	16	17	14	14	10	11	15	17	8	122	
		M	16	15	9	10	3	3	13	5	5	79	
<b>O. L. of Fatima</b>	Ludlow Hampden	B	31	30	23	44	43	26	35	44	38	314	0.92
		F	34	31	30	35	36	37	42	33	32	310	
		FC	31	34	36	37	31	35	20	37	23	284	
		C	58	32	53	37	43	45	39	48	43	398	
		M	18	22	17	30	15	15	14	17	14	162	
<b>St. John Baptist</b>	Ludlow Hampden	B	56	52	55	71	57	58	56	53	49	507	1.10
		F	34	42	53	59	31	51	42	45	52	409	
		FC	63	63	79	66	65	56	57	67	64	580	
		C	34	37	64	32	34	46	42	41	44	374	
		M	23	23	21	16	22	19	13	14	10	161	



FIGURE 19: Region 8 Sacramental data.

NAME	CITY	COUNTY		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL	B/F Ratio
St. Francis	Belchertown	Hampshire	B	49	71	41	41	39	55	36	34	32	398	1.32
			F	26	29	23	24	29	19	24	31	25	230	
			FC	87	97	65	87	75	57	58	57	64	647	
			C	43	55	63	45	48	52	53	33	48	440	
			M	13	13	13	10	10	8	10	10	14	101	
St. Christopher	Brimfield	Hampden	B	19	29	18	15	18	17	17	12	16	161	1.35
			F	13	6	12	11	9	7	10	14	8	90	
			FC	20	33	26	27	24	25	26	22	20	223	
			C	0	21	15	13	12	16	17	16	31	141	
			M	0	5	6	3	6	3	1	2	2	28	
St. Patrick	Monson	Hampden	B	63	45	49	40	34	29	28	48	20	356	1.29
			F	18	24	28	21	33	26	26	28	28	232	
			FC	39	45	49	37	40	38	44	36	26	354	
			C	25	17	39	21	17	26	26	17	20	208	
			M	11	7	6	5	5	6	8	5	5	58	
St. Bartholomew	Palmer	Hampshire	B	1	1	3	6	0	2	2	0	0	15	0.60
			F	0	7	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	24	
			FC	4	6	4	5	2	2	0	0	1	24	
			C	5	1	3	3	6	2	3	3	1	27	
			M	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
St. Thomas	Palmer	Hampden	B	21	25	22	23	12	17	12	12	15	159	0.55
			F	34	22	25	24	22	25	41	36	37	266	
			FC	45	36	25	26	36	25	16	22	18	249	
			C	34	29	27	32	22	24	25	23	24	240	
			M	10	9	10	4	7	2	2	8	3	55	
St. Anne	Three Rivers	Hampden	B	15	12	14	16	12	7	5	10	4	95	0.51
			F	14	11	15	14	11	43	15	26	26	175	
			FC	13	9	21	21	6	16	6	13	13	118	
			C	23	27	27	25	24	25	25	18	18	212	
			M	2	6	3	1	3	3	0	0	3	21	
Sts. Peter & Paul	Three Rivers	Hampden	B	33	18	10	27	23	21	17	22	25	196	0.49
			F	45	41	40	42	32	31	43	50	54	378	
			FC	32	23	13	29	18	18	23	10	14	180	
			C	66	66	66	26	26	30	30	23	23	356	
			M	8	6	7	5	4	8	8	4	6	56	
All Saints	Ware	Hampshire	B	14	23	22	19	21	23	28	33	19	202	0.74
			F	20	40	36	29	30	35	27	32	0	249	
			FC	23	13	15	18	20	14	15	15	13	146	
			C	51	51	23	22	39	41	18	0	40	285	
			M	3	9	10	12	5	3	6	5	4	57	



<b>St. Mary</b>	Ware	Hampshire	B	31	42	43	32	33	39	25	32	24	301	0.70
			F	50	40	47	56	38	36	47	36	37	387	
			FC	35	31	41	34	38	32	32	32	20	295	
			C	22	32	18	13	8	19	16	16	35	179	
			M	15	16	15	11	11	12	6	3	4	93	



FIGURE 20: Region 9 Sacramental data.

NAME	CITY	COUNTY		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL	B/F Ratio
St. Michael	East Longmeadow	Hampden	B	71	91	55	79	76	96	86	95	95	744	1.21
			F	38	50	56	60	64	65	52	63	74	522	
			FC	90	90	97	96	94	99	102	117	126	911	
			C	63	63	65	79	76	97	97	93	80	713	
			M	14	25	7	13	24	25	24	21	15	168	
St. Mary	Hampden	Hampden	B	16	28	26	25	21	21	17	20	13	187	1.03
			F	14	14	13	0	0	15	12	21	65	154	
			FC	37	37	30	27	25	31	26	30	18	261	
			C	20	24	25	22	20	30	31	25	24	221	
			M	3	2	6	5	3	4	3	7	5	38	
Immaculate Conception	Indian Orchard	Hampden	B	20	12	25	9	3	11	15	16	6	117	0.32
			F	28	35	40	40	39	35	30	62	48	357	
			FC	25	25	21	26	16	8	9	13	14	157	
			C	15	15	15	17	19	24	24	15	16	160	
			M	4	3	5	4	8	4	4	9	5	46	
St. Jude	Indian Orchard	Hampden	B	17	23	30	20	9	14	18	10	9	150	0.50
			F	42	37	28	32	28	24	40	24	23	278	
			FC	22	32	21	28	31	10	10	8	5	167	
			C	12	16	0	20	10	14	4	0	8	84	
			M	6	5	2	3	3	3	2	0	0	24	
St. Mary	Longmeadow	Hampden	B	101	103	80	83	91	61	72	64	46	701	1.34
			F	57	65	45	38	39	42	54	38	42	420	
			FC	122	132	135	130	122	123	125	117	46	1052	
			C	97	93	93	95	95	102	84	78	87	824	
			M	35	25	13	20	35	17	12	13	7	177	
All Souls Mission	Springfield	Hampden	B	11	11	10	1	5	5	8	20	26	97	1.67
			F	5	8	7	0	5	3	6	5	8	47	
			FC	15	3	2	6	0	2	9	0	5	42	
			C	1	0	0	0	0	1	28	0	1	31	
			M	5	7	7	7	9	7	12	13	10	77	
Blessed Sacrament	Springfield	Hampden	B	253	273	307	288	288	230	6	214	262	2121	2.55
			F	65	60	66	48	73	56	68	62	61	559	
			FC	96	152	0	107	115	109	44	73	0	696	
			C	19	31	33	0	32	59	8	0	30	212	
			M	21	16	12	10	11	6	9	10	13	108	
Holy Cross	Springfield	Hampden	B	68	68	51	65	45	36	44	34	22	433	0.66
			F	64	75	76	70	59	54	63	64	65	590	
			FC	76	73	72	72	67	53	54	49	55	571	
			C	58	41	44	39	51	45	34	51	59	422	
			M	22	18	20	18	10	16	8	4	14	130	





<b>Holy Family</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	41	51	45	29	33	24	30	39	29	321	2.57
			F	17	11	14	5	7	8	3	6	3	74	
			FC	26	35	19	13	16	11	21	21	16	178	
			C	21	23	7	0	7	0	17	1	16	92	
			M	3	4	5	3	9	5	3	2	1	35	
<b>Holy Name</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	57	63	44	39	38	33	40	27	59	400	0.68
			F	74	55	40	66	56	50	64	72	45	522	
			FC	71	57	51	29	35	53	33	44	41	414	
			C	42	33	40	54	26	43	37	32	38	345	
			M	10	11	6	7	7	7	9	14	12	83	
<b>Mt. Carmel</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	53	48	59	47	43	39	32	32	37	390	0.45
			F	88	106	117	96	83	81	77	77	87	812	
			FC	41	27	43	26	29	26	23	23	25	263	
			C	28	28	25	13	30	26	22	22	15	209	
			M	26	32	17	16	24	34	16	16	15	196	
<b>O. L. of Hope</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	35	46	42	36	46	37	31	21	28	322	0.69
			F	57	44	46	53	51	41	41	49	37	419	
			FC	57	47	37	55	40	53	21	30	22	362	
			C	21	34	28	13	27	20	22	18	16	199	
			M	21	30	14	16	16	12	8	10	7	134	
<b>O. L. Rosary</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	32	28	19	21	23	20	18	16	5	182	0.91
			F	22	29	17	17	18	16	19	16	19	173	
			FC	9	9	4	8	4	6	12	7	3	62	
			C	17	0	16	15	0	16	0	0	9	73	
			M	4	7	8	4	6	3	4	3	3	42	
<b>O. L. Sacred Heart</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	30	32	39	37	34	34	43	39	23	311	0.52
			F	38	55	34	54	60	75	49	50	150	565	
			FC	49	36	38	34	37	41	45	44	31	355	
			C	38	34	34	19	27	28	25	28	17	250	
			M	4	21	11	12	10	10	2	4	2	76	
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	79	91	77	92	80	76	71	83	87	736	0.72
			F	127	121	118	95	97	97	95	80	105	935	
			FC	37	33	31	31	21	22	22	16	22	235	
			C	45	28	35	28	24	30	29	28	33	280	
			M	44	61	44	48	47	39	39	21	56	399	
<b>St. Catherine</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	80	74	40	31	28	69	34	34	36	426	0.69
			F	65	53	62	70	58	62	0	50	125	545	
			FC	63	49	48	44	29	42	27	34	24	360	
			C	50	39	37	36	21	32	23	24	28	290	
			M	13	11	15	8	10	10	8	11	4	90	



<b>St. Mary</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	38	37	43	13	17	22	19	13	14	216	0.53
			F	56	56	30	40	39	27	43	31	45	367	
			FC	25	28	25	27	26	9	13	17	15	185	
			C	27	27	21	19	19	23	21	16	12	185	
			M	24	15	10	7	8	4	6	5	4	83	
<b>St. Michael Cathedral</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	28	40	17	23	27	31	39	37	44	286	1.16
			F	20	29	23	27	27	12	23	20	25	206	
			FC	7	6	12	8	27	27	33	23	10	153	
			C	41	36	36	46	70	74	32	43	48	426	
			M	32	25	19	20	16	15	11	11	7	156	
<b>St. Patrick</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	23	25	28	15	27	25	20	21	16	200	0.84
			F	13	11	31	32	28	30	28	25	14	212	
			FC	15	15	20	15	24	15	21	23	13	161	
			C	24	24	24	18	40	43	40	0	18	231	
			M	5	6	6	9	10	11	12	4	3	66	
<b>St. Paul</b>	Springfield	Hampden	B	15	13	6	8	8	8	9	12	29	108	0.71
			F	22	19	13	13	18	17	15	11	11	139	
			FC	16	15	4	7	4	8	1	0	7	62	
			C	33	31	16	2	2	18	12	1	22	137	
			M	10	10	9	1	3	3	2	1	3	42	
<b>St. Cecilia</b>	Wilbraham	Hampden	B	130	109	132	102	108	103	97	109	92	982	1.57
			F	55	50	53	40	68	51	71	60	68	516	
			FC	110	117	119	116	123	113	110	100	92	1000	
			C	77	62	88	90	93	96	96	0	97	699	
			M	52	39	37	39	34	21	38	22	21	303	



FIGURE 21: Region 10 Sacramental data.

NAME	CITY	COUNTY		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL	B/F Ratio
All Saints	Agawam	Hampden	B	17	15	22	4	9	16	13	16	9	121	0.45
			F	17	15	21	18	38	26	39	41	37	252	
			FC	20	8	26	11	14	20	23	27	14	163	
			C	15	20	18	17	0	17	20	22	15	144	
			M	5	5	10	6	6	8	12	7	8	67	
St. John	Agawam	Hampden	B	62	58	56	54	31	54	46	64	47	472	0.79
			F	35	55	61	35	42	119	85	45	59	536	
			FC	67	60	57	50	66	53	55	61	56	525	
			C	39	40	32	29	35	22	0	77	52	326	
			M	20	17	16	12	0	3	6	16	13	103	
St. John Mission	Chester	Hampden	B	6	2	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	20	1.11
			F	1	4	2	1	3	3	2	0	0	16	
			FC	5	9	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	24	
			C	2	8	0	0	21	23	23	0	0	77	
			M	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	
Sacred Heart	Feeding Hills	Hampden	B	54	46	44	43	38	33	19	18	20	315	0.76
			F	62	45	35	49	29	47	37	33	29	366	
			FC	94	87	65	90	67	64	46	46	29	588	
			C	58	77	52	50	59	38	46	31	31	442	
			M	21	12	8	5	12	2	1	2	10	73	
St. Thomas	Huntington	Hampshire	B	9	10	8	8	4	4	4	6	0	53	1.00
			F	1	1	10	5	5	6	5	5	5	43	
			FC	6	9	0	0	7	7	5	5	6	45	
			C	12	23	23	21	21	23	17	0	1	141	
			M	1	2	4	1	2	2	1	2	3	18	
O. L. Rosary	Russell	Hampden	B	20	6	7	9	6	5	2	0	0	55	1.20
			F	5	8	6	7	0	5	9	0	0	40	
			FC	8	0	7	5	5	7	0	10	0	42	
			C	20	21	13	13	17	17	17	0	0	118	
			M	6	0	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	13	
O. L. Lake	Southwick	Hampden	B	30	37	32	33	23	20	30	22	17	244	1.23
			F	20	22	20	13	19	14	22	17	14	161	
			FC	54	52	61	39	38	50	75	36	42	447	
			C	49	58	70	68	29	33	22	19	25	373	
			M	3	5	3	3	1	7	3	6	2	33	
Immaculate Conception	West Springfield	Hampden	B	43	40	39	41	35	41	26	22	24	311	0.66
			F	47	53	63	81	81	64	20	13	11	433	
			FC	29	20	13	12	6	11	13	15	13	132	
			C	31	18	6	27	27	0	0	13	22	144	
			M	14	23	16	24	22	18	5	5	2	129	



<b>St. Ann Mission</b>	West Springfield	Hampden	B	7	5	5	3	9	3	4	9	6	51	0.22
			F	19	25	28	20	27	18	34	26	28	225	
			FC	7	14	7	7	4	5	3	5	4	56	
			C	29	0	17	17	24	0	18	0	18	123	
			M	3	7	0	2	0	0	0	3	1	16	
<b>St. Louis</b>	West Springfield	Hampden	B	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	0.67
			F	0	2	0	4	0	1	2	0	0	9	
			FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			C	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	22	
			M	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
<b>St. Thomas</b>	West Springfield	Hampden	B	62	57	69	57	65	77	69	73	58	587	0.90
			F	79	60	70	56	64	69	69	68	60	595	
			FC	99	122	96	106	110	98	95	98	95	919	
			C	89	68	71	60	72	76	87	68	90	681	
			M	10	16	10	18	9	15	19	8	12	117	
<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>	Westfield	Hampden	B	61	53	30	39	38	33	24	23	15	316	0.76
			F	43	60	44	51	32	31	40	33	30	364	
			FC	68	56	63	62	63	46	44	48	42	492	
			C	38	37	49	44	54	47	47	36	36	388	
			M	13	17	17	10	9	13	6	4	6	95	
<b>Holy Trinity</b>	Westfield	Hampden	B	27	19	22	36	33	34	25	22	21	239	0.84
			F	40	20	30	23	27	28	32	36	28	264	
			FC	37	34	34	26	26	26	14	16	17	230	
			C	20	17	14	12	17	18	10	19	15	142	
			M	15	7	6	8	15	15	8	6	4	84	
<b>St. Mary</b>	Westfield	Hampden	B	95	96	109	78	77	78	94	69	80	776	0.90
			F	57	54	86	69	87	109	98	103	101	764	
			FC	108	119	137	98	98	108	87	94	110	959	
			C	89	89	93	78	80	93	95	107	96	820	
			M	21	28	15	21	21	30	20	21	22	199	
<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Casimir</b>	Westfield	Hampden	B	32	24	24	41	34	14	22	14	14	219	0.73
			F	37	31	32	27	40	24	35	24	26	276	
			FC	29	21	23	18	19	21	23	13	21	188	
			C	23	17	19	22	20	0	30	0	21	152	
			M	12	6	14	5	3	3	5	6	2	56	

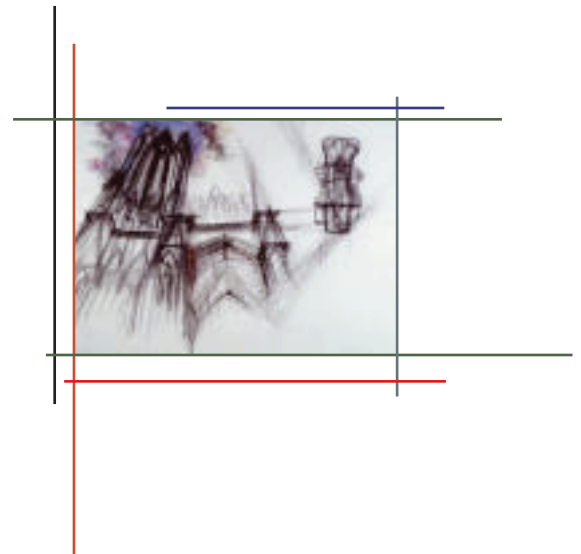
# **APPENDIX C**

**OCTOBER HEAD COUNT NUMBERS  
FOR EACH PARISH FOR 2005, 2006, 2007, AND 2008**

**SEATING NUMBERS FOR EACH PARISH**

**MCD POPULATION PROJECTIONS FOR  
TOWNS AND REGIONS**

**FINANCIAL AND SACRAMENTAL CHARTS**





## HEAD COUNT FOR 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 AND SEATING CAPACITY

FIGURE 22: Head Count and Seating Capacity Listed Alphabetical by County, then by City/Town, then by Parish.

$\Delta\%$  06–07, for example, means “percentage change between 2006 and 2007 head counts”.

Seating Capacity is based on 24 inches per person.

Blue cells represent that no report was given by the parish that year and the Planning Office substituted the lowest count reported by the parish in any of the four years of the count.

NAME	CITY	REGION	COUNTY	HC 2005	HC 2006	$\Delta\%$ '05-'06	HC 2007	$\Delta\%$ 06-07	HC 2008	$\Delta\%$ '07-08	$\Delta\%$ '05-'08	SEATING
Notre Dame-St. Thomas	Adams	1	Berkshire	974	1,009	3.59	1,022	1.29	570	-44.23	-41.48	600
St. Stanislaus	Adams	1	Berkshire	451	416	-7.76	432	3.85	566	31.02	25.50	525
St. Mary	Cheshire	1	Berkshire	443	385	-13.09	399	3.64	359	-10.03	-18.96	378
St. Agnes	Dalton	2	Berkshire	1,169	1,263	8.04	1,237	-2.06	1,242	0.40	6.24	682
St. Peter	Great Barrington	3	Berkshire	436	498	14.22	171	-65.66	171	0.00	-60.78	600
St. Patrick Chapel	Hinsdale	2	Berkshire	94	116	23.40	88	-24.14	108	22.73	14.89	236
All Saints	Housatonic	3	Berkshire	61	51	-16.39	66	29.41	51	-22.73	-16.39	143
Corpus Christi	Housatonic	3	Berkshire	411	247	-39.90	198	-19.84	198	0.00	-51.82	312
N. American Martyrs	Lanesboro	1	Berkshire	82	73	-10.98	87	19.18	59	-32.18	-28.05	123
St. Mary	Lee	3	Berkshire	679	792	16.64	522	-34.09	681	30.46	0.29	324
St. Ann	Lenox	3	Berkshire	511	488	-4.50	664	36.07	608	-8.43	18.98	418
St. Vincent	Lenox Dale	3	Berkshire	119	130	9.24	150	15.38	168	12.00	41.18	187
Im. Conception Mission	Mill River	3	Berkshire	43	48	11.63	36	-25.00	43	19.44	0.00	165
O. L. Hills Mission	Monterey	3	Berkshire									
O. L. of Mercy	North Adams	1	Berkshire	122	122	0.00	122	0.00	138	13.11	13.11	250
St. Anthony	North Adams	1	Berkshire	657	657	0.00	657	0.00	737	12.18	12.18	419
St. Francis	North Adams	1	Berkshire	220	220	0.00	228	3.64	220	-3.51	0.00	600
St. Mary - Lakes Mission	Otis	3	Berkshire	76	56	-26.32	51	-8.93	83	62.75	9.21	252
All Souls Mission	Pittsfield	3	Berkshire	101	95	-5.94						
Holy Family	Pittsfield	3	Berkshire	179	166	-7.26						
Mt. Carmel	Pittsfield	2	Berkshire	272	265	-2.57						
Sacred Heart	Pittsfield	2	Berkshire	1,141	1,079	-5.43	1,017	-5.75	1,182	16.22	3.59	588
St. Charles	Pittsfield	2	Berkshire	1,031	1,119	8.54	1,089	-2.68	1,064	-2.30	3.20	564
St. Francis Xavier	Pittsfield	3	Berkshire	102	87	-14.71						
St. Joseph	Pittsfield	2	Berkshire	1,013	1,008	-0.49	969	-3.87	1,124	16.00	10.96	688
St. Mark	Pittsfield	2	Berkshire	1,089	517	-52.53	645	24.76	878	36.12	-19.38	623
St. Mary	Pittsfield	2	Berkshire	279	282	1.08						
O. L. Valley	Sheffield	3	Berkshire	217	203	-6.45	160	-21.18	186	16.25	-14.29	175
St. Joseph	Stockbridge	3	Berkshire	39	129	230.77	75	-41.86	78	4.00	100.00	204
St. Patrick	West Stockbridge	3	Berkshire	104	118	13.46	136	15.25	112	-17.65	7.69	246
Sts. Patrick & Raphael	Williamstown	1	Berkshire	565	488	-13.63	438	-10.25	226	-48.40	-60.00	235
St. Christopher Mission	Charlemont	4	Franklin	33	35	6.06	40	14.29	38	-5.00	15.15	110
St. John Mission	Colrain	4	Franklin	67	50	-25.37	65	30.00	64	-1.54	-4.48	156
St. Mark Mission	Conway	4	Franklin	67	57	-14.93	70	22.81	61	-12.86	-8.96	224
Bld Sacrament	Greenfield	4	Franklin	604	553	-8.44	599	8.32	573	-4.34	-5.13	468
Holy Trinity	Greenfield	4	Franklin	586	626	6.83	633	1.12	616	-2.69	5.12	399
St. John	Millers Falls	4	Franklin	73	66	-9.59	77	16.67	66	-14.29	-9.59	157
St. Patrick	Northfield	4	Franklin	225	196	-12.89	213	8.67	177	-16.90	-21.33	78
St. Mary	Orange	4	Franklin	415	347	-16.39	360	3.75	338	-6.11	-18.55	262
St. Joseph	Shelburne Falls	4	Franklin	181	195	7.73	170	-12.82	140	-17.65	-22.65	144
St. James	South Deerfield	4	Franklin	211	209	-0.95	138	-33.97	89	-35.51	-57.82	207
St. Stanislaus	South Deerfield	4	Franklin	366	335	-8.47	364	8.66	302	-17.03	-17.49	264
O. L. of Czestochowa	Turners Falls	4	Franklin	533	596	11.82	559	-6.21	636	13.77	19.32	340
O. L. of Peace	Turners Falls	4	Franklin	357	516	44.54	533	3.29	470	-11.82	31.65	457
All Saints	Agawam	10	Hampden	574	592	3.14	572	-3.38	114	-80.07	-80.14	233
St. John	Agawam	10	Hampden	1,173	1,432	22.08	1,412	-1.40	1,462	3.54	24.64	455
St. Christopher	Brimfield	8	Hampden	299	233	-22.07	279	19.74	244	-12.54	-18.39	185
St. John Mission	Chester	10	Hampden	66	56	-15.15	54	-3.57	44	-18.52	-33.33	119
Assumption	Chicopee	7	Hampden	553	512	-7.41	363	-29.10	466	28.37	-15.73	398
Holy Name	Chicopee	7	Hampden	501	502	0.20	498	-0.80	498	0.00	-0.60	651
Nativity	Chicopee	7	Hampden	279	275	-1.43	257	-6.55	207	-19.46	-25.81	416

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NAME	CITY	REGION	COUNTY	HC 2005	HC 2006	Δ % '05-'06	HC 2007	Δ % 06-07	HC 2008	Δ % '07-08	Δ % '05-'08	SEATING
St. Anne	Chicopee	7	Hampden	985	1,000	1.52	1,078	7.80	1,016	-5.75	3.15	496
St. Anthony	Chicopee	7	Hampden	366	491	34.15	577	17.52	597	3.47	63.11	457
St. George	Chicopee	7	Hampden	343	332	-3.21	320	-3.61	286	-10.63	-16.62	618
St. Mary	Chicopee	7	Hampden	247	230	-6.88	237	3.04	296	24.89	19.84	507
St. Patrick	Chicopee	7	Hampden	581	562	-3.27	530	-5.69	542	2.26	-6.71	673
St. Rose	Chicopee	7	Hampden	1,093	1,148	5.03	1,153	0.44	1,145	-0.69	4.76	658
St. Stanislaus	Chicopee	7	Hampden	2,026	2,262	11.65	2,124	-6.10	1,920	-9.60	-5.23	506
St. Michael	East Longmeadow	9	Hampden	1,952	2,273	16.44	2,094	-7.88	2,187	4.44	12.04	550
Sacred Heart	Feeding Hills	10	Hampden	1,081	1,010	-6.57	1,040	2.97	850	-18.27	-21.37	600
St. Mary	Hampden	9	Hampden	1,120	587	-47.59	653	11.24	704	7.81	-37.14	274
Bld Sacrament	Holyoke	6	Hampden	837	762	-8.96	831	9.06	875	5.29	4.54	619
Holy Cross	Holyoke	6	Hampden	570	517	-9.30	622	20.31	528	-15.11	-7.37	796
Immaculate Con	Holyoke	6	Hampden	203	171	-15.76	178	4.09	283	58.99	39.41	250
Mater Dolorosa	Holyoke	6	Hampden	892	853	-4.37	792	-7.15	715	-9.72	-19.84	460
O. L. of Guadalupe	Holyoke	6	Hampden	711	749	5.34	567	-24.30	805	41.98	13.22	510
St. Jerome	Holyoke	6	Hampden	726	779	7.30	793	1.80	853	7.57	17.49	1086
Immaculate Con	Indian Orchard	9	Hampden	658	619	-5.93	547	-11.63	547	0.00	-16.87	435
St. Jude	Indian Orchard	9	Hampden	297	201	-32.32	185	-7.96	196	5.95	-34.01	348
St. Mary	Longmeadow	9	Hampden	1,513	1,365	-9.78	1,291	-5.42	1,184	-8.29	-21.74	486
Assumption	Ludlow	7	Hampden	648	668	3.09	632	-5.39	631	-0.16	-2.62	277
Christ the King	Ludlow	7	Hampden	1,282	1,203	-6.16	1,204	0.08	1,217	1.08	-5.07	383
O. L. of Fatima	Ludlow	7	Hampden	1,126	960	-14.74	1,158	20.63	1,042	-10.02	-7.46	344
St. John Baptist	Ludlow	7	Hampden	893	874	-2.13	833	-4.69	779	-6.48	-12.77	385
St. Patrick	Monson	8	Hampden	284	404	42.25	327	-19.06	345	5.50	21.48	298
St. Thomas	Palmer	8	Hampden	352	483	37.22	455	-5.80	354	-22.20	0.57	296
O. L. Rosary	Russell	10	Hampden	119	99	-16.81	93	-6.06	102	9.68	-14.29	98
O. L. Lake	Southwick	10	Hampden	768	767	-0.13	752	-1.96	721	-4.12	-6.12	348
All Souls Mission	Springfield	9	Hampden	207	202	-2.42	268	32.67	290	8.21	40.10	353
Bld Sacrament	Springfield	9	Hampden	719	679	-5.56	1,105	62.74	1,178	6.61	63.84	400
Holy Cross*	Springfield	9	Hampden	992	834	-15.93	924	10.79	824	-10.82	-16.94	465
Holy Family	Springfield	9	Hampden	191	304	59.16	296	-2.63	242	-18.24	26.70	555
Holy Name	Springfield	9	Hampden	1,484	1,456	-1.89	1,484	1.92	1,124	-24.26	-24.26	733
Mt. Carmel	Springfield	9	Hampden	757	654	-13.61	784	19.88	651	-16.96	-14.00	476
O. L. of Hope	Springfield	9	Hampden	553	562	1.63	503	-10.50	493	-1.99	-10.85	640
O. L. Rosary	Springfield	9	Hampden	420	435	3.57	450	3.45	474	5.33	12.86	450
O. L. Sacred Heart	Springfield	9	Hampden	725	553	-23.72	675	22.06	398	-41.04	-45.10	800
Sacred Heart	Springfield	9	Hampden	2,116	2,069	-2.22	2,128	2.85	2,174	2.16	2.74	1078
St. Catherine	Springfield	9	Hampden	1,061	1,124	5.94	1,144	1.78	1,141	-0.26	7.54	743
St. Mary	Springfield	9	Hampden	651	625	-3.99	547	-12.48	523	-4.39	-19.66	375
St. Michael Cathedral	Springfield	9	Hampden	486	427	-12.14	408	-4.45	651	59.56	33.95	832
St. Patrick	Springfield	9	Hampden	1,046	1,040	-0.57	948	-8.85	923	-2.64	-11.76	980
St. Paul	Springfield	9	Hampden	324	290	-10.49	459	58.28	290	-36.82	-10.49	800
St. Anne	Three Rivers	8	Hampden	281	313	11.39	285	-8.95	281	-1.40	0.00	298
Sts. Peter & Paul	Three Rivers	8	Hampden	970	823	-15.15	833	1.22	823	-1.20	-15.15	460
Immaculate Con	West Springfield	10	Hampden	240	218	-9.17	202	-7.34	202	0.00	-15.83	298
St. Ann Mission	West Springfield	10	Hampden	142	379	166.90	176	-53.56	142	-19.32	0.00	278
St. Louis	West Springfield	10	Hampden	80	73	-8.75	63	-13.70	63	0.00	-21.25	196
St. Thomas	West Springfield	10	Hampden	2,130	2,126	-0.19	2,160	1.60	2,316	7.22	8.73	570
Bld Sacrament	Westfield	10	Hampden	826	922	11.62	830	-9.98	869	4.70	5.21	450
Holy Trinity	Westfield	10	Hampden	433	566	30.72	464	-18.02	433	-6.68	0.00	362
St. Mary	Westfield	10	Hampden	1,666	1,635	-1.86	1,368	-16.33	1,505	10.01	-9.66	554
Sts. Peter & Casimir	Westfield	10	Hampden	459	386	-15.90	420	8.81	352	-16.19	-23.31	225
St. Cecilia	Wilbraham	9	Hampden	1,965	1,441	-26.67	1,429	-0.83	1,426	-0.21	-27.43	700
St. Brigid	Amherst	5	Hampshire	644	596	-7.45	699	17.28	596	-14.74	-7.45	365
St. Francis	Belchertown	8	Hampshire	870	779	-10.46	748	-3.98	775	3.61	-10.92	650
Immaculate Con	Easthampton	5	Hampshire	877	848	-3.31	787	-7.19	735	-6.61	-16.19	393
Notre Dame	Easthampton	5	Hampshire	552	583	5.62	527	-9.61	530	0.57	-3.99	522



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Sacred Heart	Easthampton	5	Hampshire	803	968	20.55	974	0.62	803	-17.56	0.00	294
Annunciation	Florence	5	Hampshire	340	345	1.47	355	2.90	295	-16.90	-13.24	327
Immaculate Heart	Granby	6	Hampshire	549	482	-12.20	468	-2.90	449	-4.06	-18.21	304
Holy Redeemer*	Hadley	5	Hampshire	765	624	-18.43	508	-18.59	504	-0.79	-34.12	325
Holy Trinity	Hatfield	5	Hampshire	108	108	0.00	87	-19.44	91	4.60	-15.74	257
St. Joseph	Hatfield	5	Hampshire	198	194	-2.02	201	3.61	162	-19.40	-18.18	204
Our Lady of the Hills	Haydenville	5	Hampshire	318	460	44.65	464	0.87	318	-31.47	0.00	306
St. Thomas	Huntington	10	Hampshire	209	191	-8.61	123	-35.60	159	29.27	-23.92	204
Bld Sacrament	Northampton	5	Hampshire	318	309	-2.83	302	-2.27	306	1.32	-3.77	224
Sacred Heart	Northampton	5	Hampshire	288	285	-1.04	296	3.86	300	1.35	4.17	330
St. John Cantius	Northampton	5	Hampshire	210	232	10.48	226	-2.59	214	-5.31	1.90	354
St. Mary	Northampton	5	Hampshire	482	417	-13.49	401	-3.84	401	0.00	-16.80	488
St. Bartholomew	Palmer	8	Hampshire	133	97	-27.07	96	-1.03	86	-10.42	-35.34	178
St. Patrick	South Hadley	6	Hampshire	1,038	1,032	-0.58	1,007	-2.42	958	-4.87	-7.71	372
St. Theresa	South Hadley	6	Hampshire	439	460	4.78	455	-1.09	394	-13.41	-10.25	442
All Saints	Ware	8	Hampshire	771	854	10.77	823	-3.63	859	4.37	11.41	456
St. Mary	Ware	8	Hampshire	595	727	22.18	1,325	82.26	1,314	-0.83	120.84	916
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>72,947</b>	<b>71,606</b>	<b>-1.84</b>	<b>70,206</b>	<b>-1.96</b>	<b>68,214</b>	<b>-2.84</b>	<b>-6.49</b>	
			BERKSHIRE	12,680	12,127	-4.36	10,659	-12.11	10,852	1.81	-14.42	
			FRANKLIN	3,718	3,781	1.69	3,821	1.06	3,570	-6.57	-3.98	
			HAMPDEN	46,042	45,107	-2.03	44,854	-0.56	43,543	-2.92	-5.43	
			HAMPSHIRE	10,507	10,591	0.80	10,872	2.65	10,249	-5.73	-2.46	

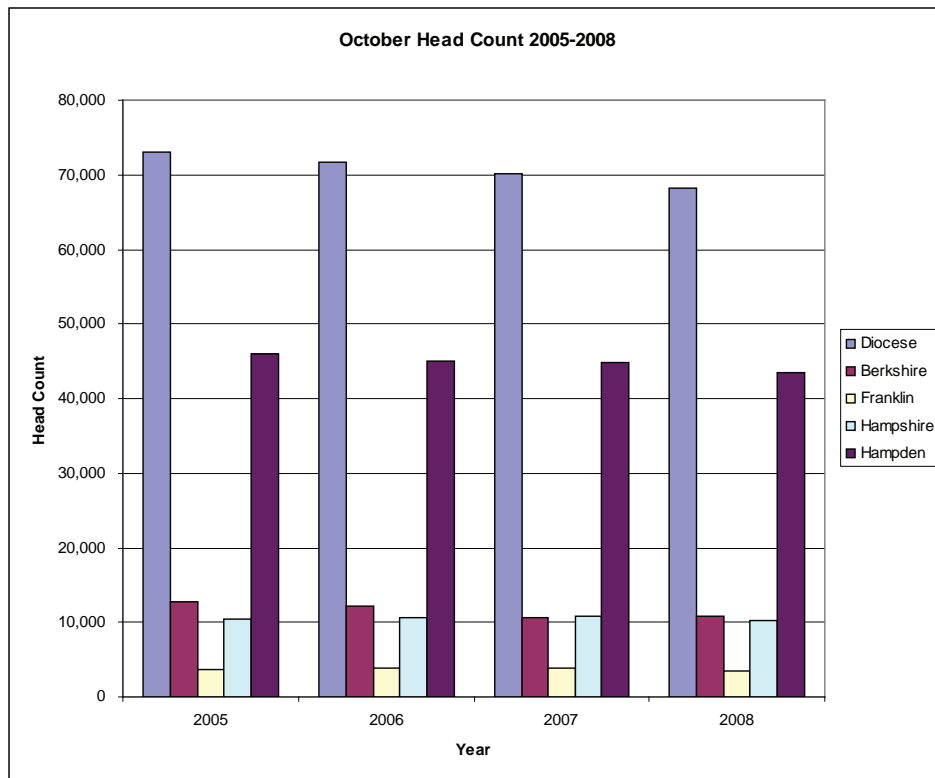


FIGURE 23: Chart showing the head count for each county by year. Diocese represents all counties combined.



## MCD POPULATION PROJECTIONS

**FIGURE 24:** MCD Population Projections to 2020. Source: US Census Bureau.

Population estimations must not be relied upon too strictly. They are approximations based upon certain assumptions and mathematical projections. There are also many of them for every conceivable situation. Because each projection differs in some way from each other, we determined to use, in addition to the population estimates given in the UMass study, one projection only, the one given here.

REGION	CITY/TOWN NAME	pop1980	pop1990	pop2000	pop2010	pop2020	Sum for	Sum for	Difference:		
							towns in region 2010	towns in region 2020	growth or decline 2010-2020	% change 2010-2020	
1	Adams town	10381	9445	8809	7902	7182					
1	Cheshire town	3124	3479	3401	3329	3249					
1	Clarksburg town	1871	1745	1686	1512	1311					
1	Florida town	730	742	676	601	537					
1	Hancock town	643	628	721	724	676					
1	Lanesborough town	3131	3032	2990	2713	2435					
1	New Ashford town	159	192	247	284	320					
1	North Adams city	18063	16797	14681	13379	12182					
1	Savoy town	644	634	705	697	653					
1	Williamstown town	8741	8220	8424	7921	7503					
1	Windsor town	598	770	875	956	1055	43215	37103	(6,112)	(14)	REGION 1
2	Dalton town	6797	7155	6892	6476	6056					
2	Hinsdale town	1707	1959	1872	2029	2160					
2	Peru town	633	779	821	859	961					
2	Pittsfield city	51974	48622	45793	41203	37146	55378	46323	(9,055)	(16)	REGION 2
3	Alford town	394	418	399	374	357					
3	Becket town	1339	1481	1755	1887	2043					
3	Egremont town	1311	1229	1345	1263	1158					
3	Great Barrington tow	7405	7725	7527	7493	7472					
3	Lee town	6247	5849	5985	5714	5414					
3	Lenox town	6523	5069	5077	4601	4149					
3	Monterey town	818	805	934	976	1009					
3	Mount Washington tow	93	135	130	149	171					
3	New Marlborough town	1160	1240	1494	1613	1729					
3	Otis town	963	1073	1365	1520	1740					
3	Richmond town	1659	1677	1604	1423	1233					
3	Sandisfield town	720	667	824	913	1032					
3	Sheffield town	2743	2910	3335	3491	3615					
3	Stockbridge town	2328	2408	2276	2077	1860					
3	Tyringham town	344	369	350	331	302					
3	Washington town	587	615	544	501	471					
3	West Stockbridge tow	1280	1483	1416	1344	1271	36360	35026	(1,334)	(4)	REGION 3
4	Ashfield town	1458	1715	1800	1847	1928					
4	Bernardston town	1750	2048	2155	2158	2194					
4	Buckland town	1864	1928	1991	1889	1792					
4	Charlemont town	1149	1249	1358	1424	1506					

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REGION	CITY/TOWN NAME	pop1980	pop1990	pop2000	pop2010	pop2020	Sum for towns in region 2010	Sum for towns in region 2020	Difference: growth or decline 2010-2020	% change 2010-2020	
4	Colrain town	1552	1757	1813	1802	1807					
4	Conway town	1213	1529	1809	1975	2240					
4	Deerfield town	4517	5018	4750	4620	4467					
4	Erving town	1326	1372	1467	1499	1507					
4	Gill town	1259	1583	1363	1324	1281					
4	Greenfield town	18436	18666	18168	17623	17119					
4	Hawley town	280	317	336	341	339					
4	Heath town	482	716	805	988	1194					
4	Leverett town	1471	1785	1701	1614	1509					
4	Leyden town	498	662	772	859	961					
4	Monroe town	179	115	93	73	53					
4	Montague town	8011	8316	8451	8621	8882					
4	New Salem town	688	802	929	992	1030					
4	Northfield town	2386	2838	2951	3032	3196					
4	Orange town	6844	7312	7518	7521	7610					
4	Rowe town	336	378	351	374	391					
4	Shelburne town	2002	2012	2058	2028	2068					
4	Shutesbury town	1049	1561	1810	2027	2392					
4	Sunderland town	2929	3399	3777	4250	4684					
4	Warwick town	603	740	750	857	974					
4	Wendell town	694	899	986	1079	1122					
4	Whately town	1341	1375	1573	1558	1560	71535	73806	2,271	3	REGION 4
5	Amherst town	33229	35228	34874	36583	36840					
5	Chesterfield town	1000	1048	1201	1228	1256					
5	Cummington town	657	785	978	1111	1269					
5	Easthampton city	15580	15537	15994	15747	15401					
5	Goshen town	651	830	921	994	1072					
5	Hadley town	4125	4231	4793	4925	5090					
5	Hatfield town	3045	3184	3249	3106	2955					
5	Middlefield town	385	392	542	651	768					
5	Northampton city	29286	29289	28978	29118	29136					
5	Pelham town	1112	1373	1403	1412	1414					
5	Plainfield town	425	571	589	689	762					
5	Southampton town	4137	4478	5387	5657	5875					
5	Westhampton town	1137	1327	1468	1455	1452					
5	Williamsburg town	2237	2515	2427	2314	2231					
5	Worthington town	932	1156	1270	1328	1440	104074	106961	2,887	3	REGION 5
6	Holyoke city	44678	43704	39838	38430	37431					
6	Granby town	5380	5565	6132	6212	6213					
6	South Hadley town	16399	16685	17196	17636	18108	63166	61752	(1,414)	(2)	REGION 6
7	Chicopee city	55112	56632	54653	52914	51483					
7	Ludlow town	18150	18820	21209	21012	20563	75862	72046	(3,816)	(5)	REGION 7
8	Brimfield town	2318	3001	3339	3786	4402					
8	Holland town	1589	2185	2407	2725	3223					
8	Monson town	7315	7776	8359	8825	9313					
8	Palmer town	11389	12054	12497	12675	12986					
8	Wales town	1177	1566	1737	2028	2288					
8	Belchertown town	8339	10579	12968	15825	19658					
8	Ware town	8953	9808	9707	9798	9989	51014	61859	10,845	21	REGION 8

REGION	CITY/TOWN NAME	pop1980	pop1990	pop2000	pop2010	pop2020	Sum for towns in region 2010	Sum for towns in region 2020	Difference: growth or decline 2010-2020	% change 2010-2020	
9	East Longmeadow town	12905	13367	14100	14029	13705					
9	Hampden town	4745	4709	5171	4986	4702					
9	Longmeadow town	16301	15467	15633	14395	12457					
9	Springfield city	152319	156983	152082	153245	156476					
9	Wilbraham town	12053	12635	13473	12896	11913	200459	199253	(1,206)	(1)	REGION 9
10	Agawam city	26271	27323	28144	27641	27046					
10	Blandford town	1038	1187	1214	1232	1235					
10	Chester town	1123	1280	1308	1338	1390					
10	Granville town	1204	1403	1521	1552	1601					
10	Montgomery town	637	759	654	647	634					
10	Russell town	1570	1594	1657	1622	1590					
10	Southwick town	7382	7667	8835	8944	9017					
10	Tolland town	235	289	426	518	616					
10	Westfield city	36465	38372	40072	40599	41253					
10	West Springfield tow	27042	27537	27899	27870	27791					
10	Huntington town	1804	1987	2174	2226	2304	113904	114477	573		REGION 10

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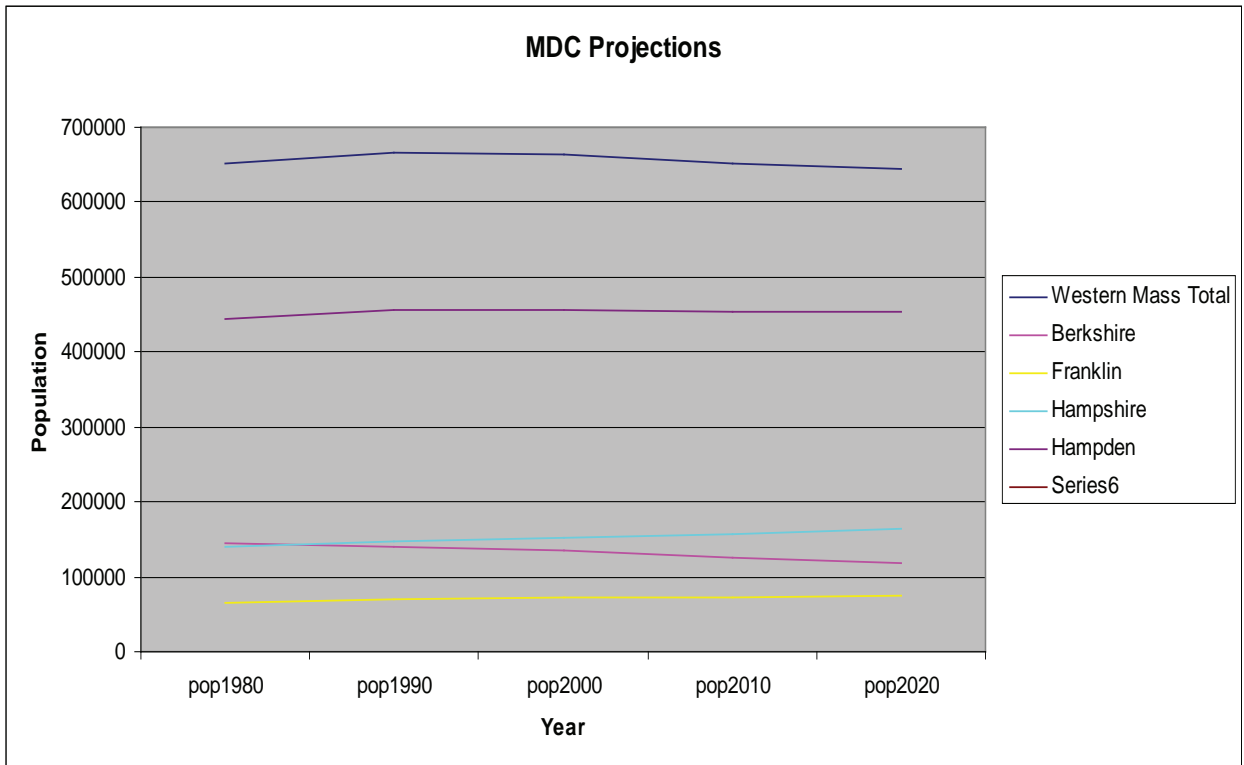
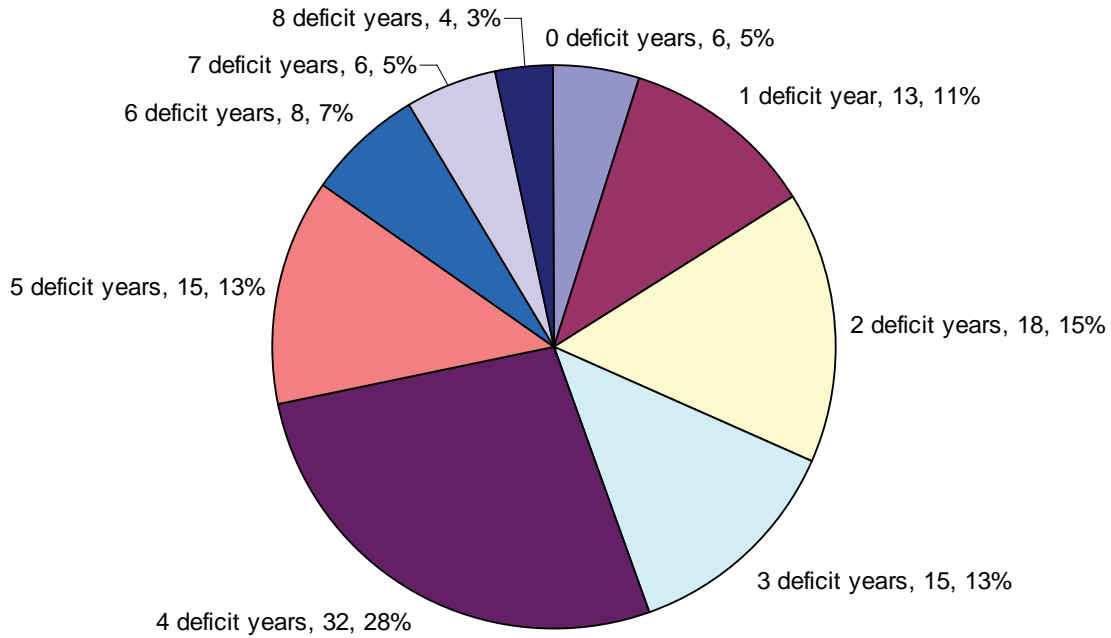


FIGURE 25: MDC population estimates for all of Western Massachusetts and for each county.

FINANCIAL AND SACRAMENTAL CHARTS

The data for the following charts is gathered from the Annual Reports each parish is required to file with the diocese yearly.



**FIGURE 26:** Chart showing the number of years of a deficit from fiscal year 2000 through 2008, the number of parishes showing a deficit and as a percentage. This is based only on a comparison of normal recurring income and normal operating expenditures. Savings and other assets are not considered.

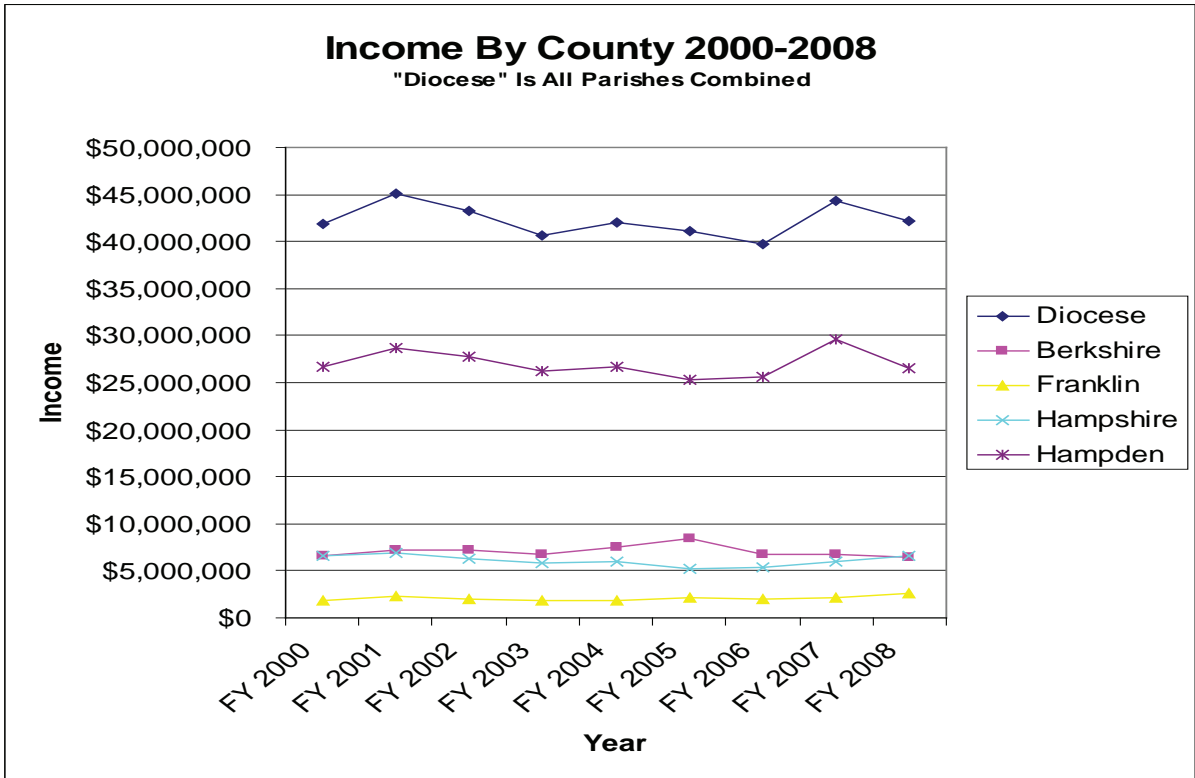


FIGURE 27: Recurring income by county. Diocese represents the combination of all coun-

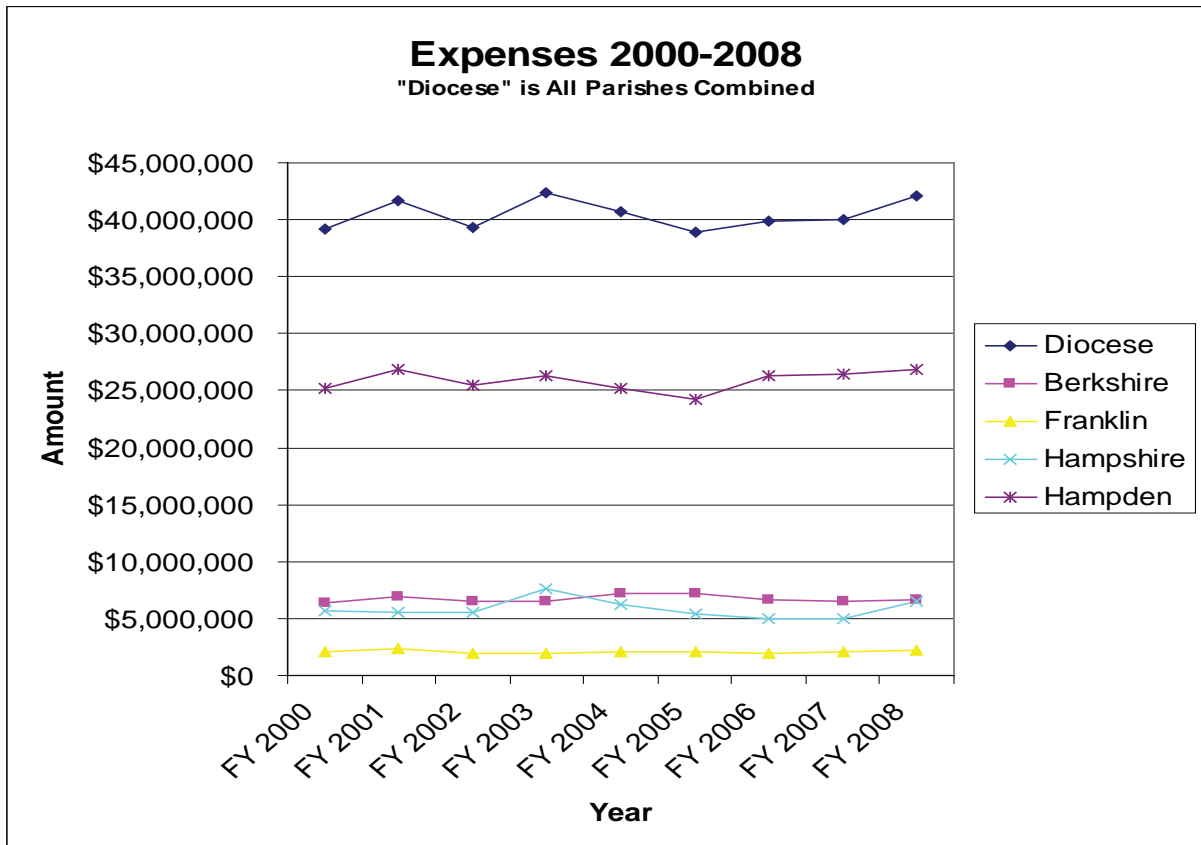


FIGURE 28: Normal operating expenditures by county. Diocese represents the combination of all coun-

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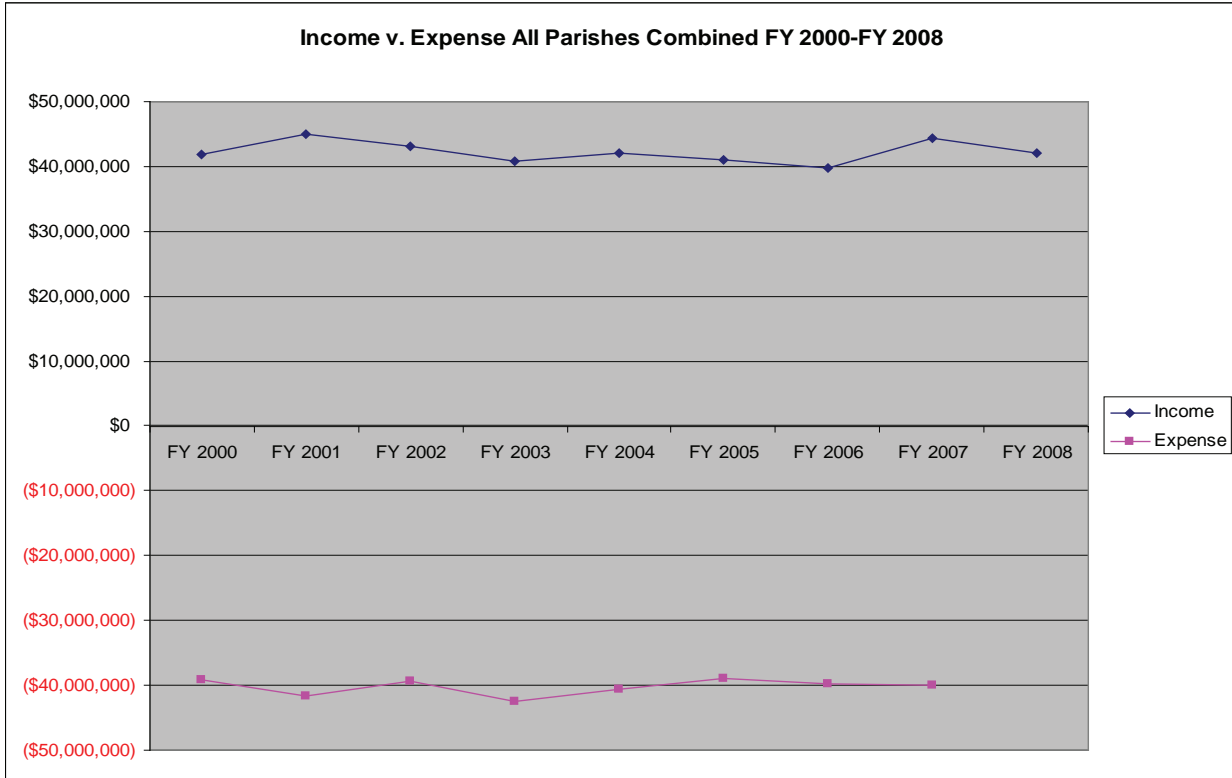


FIGURE 29: Income compared with expense.

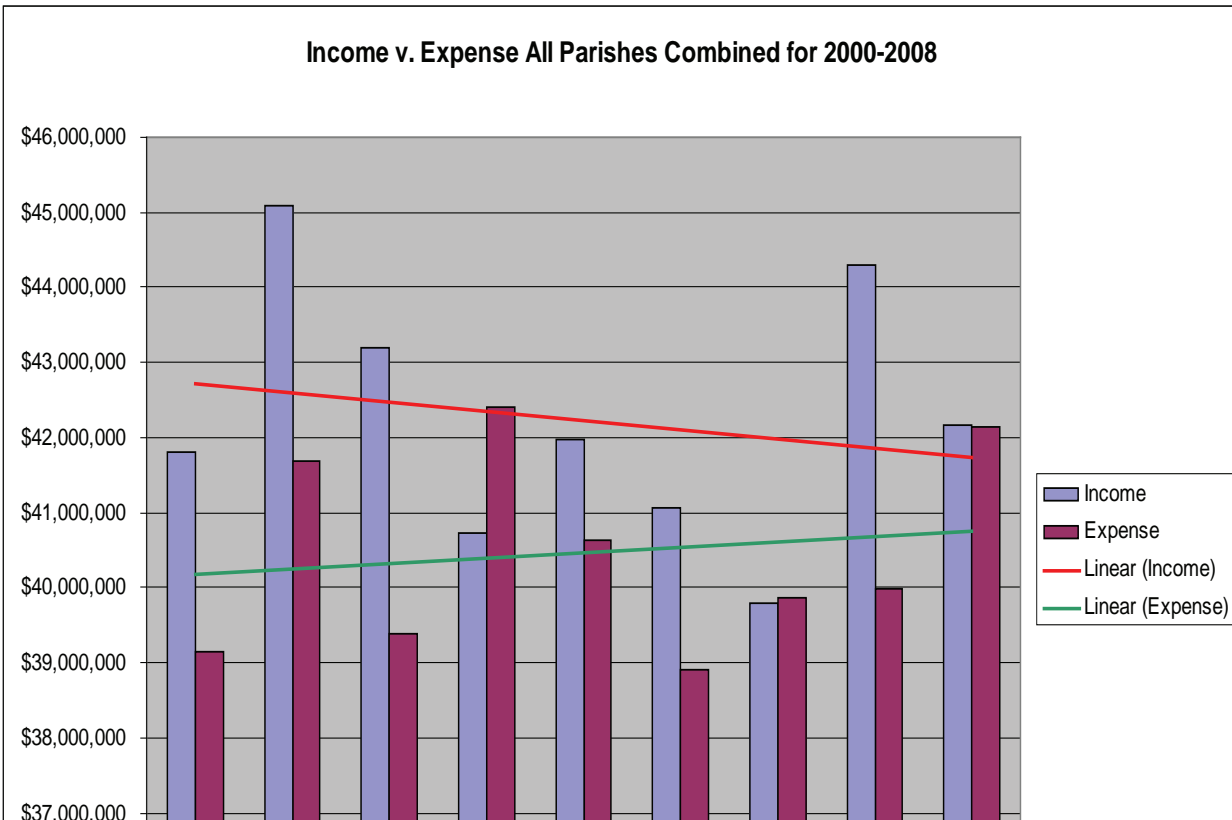


FIGURE 30: Income compared with expense showing trendline.



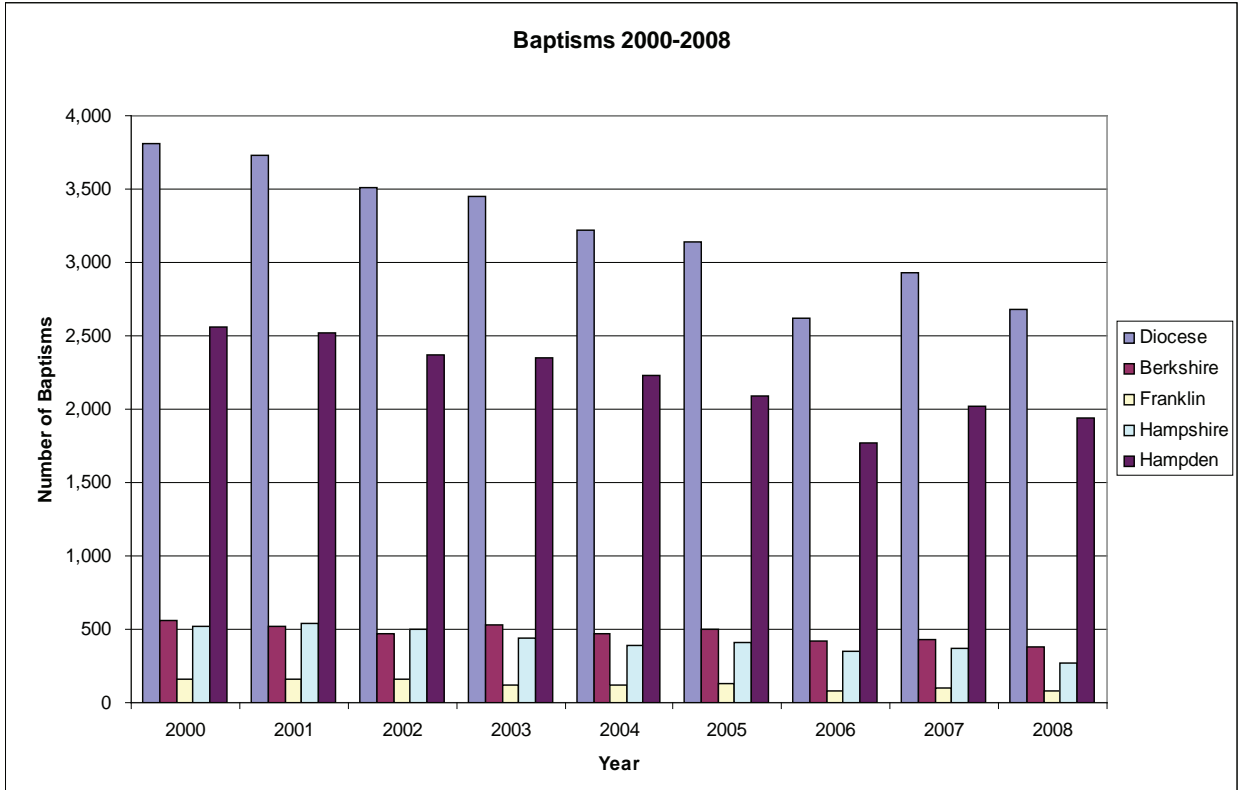


FIGURE 31: Number of baptisms by county and combined as Diocese.

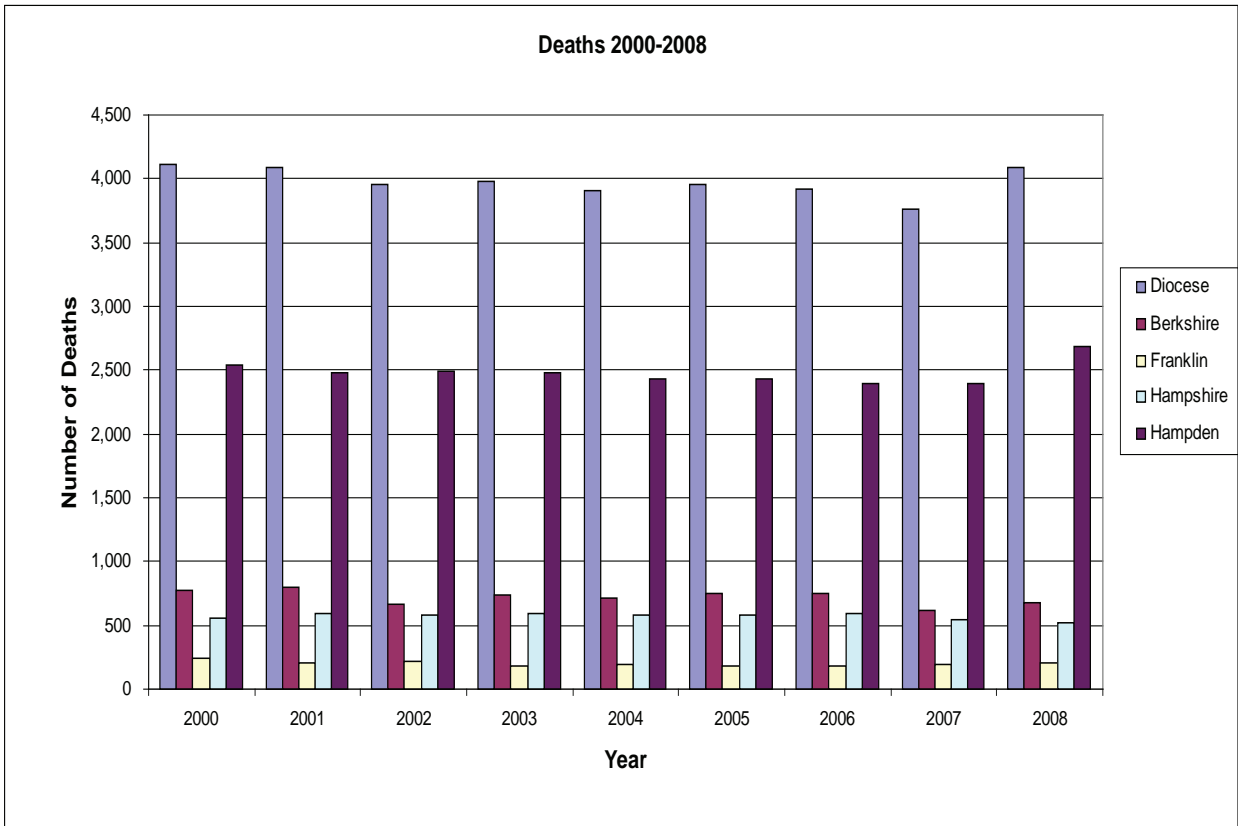


FIGURE 32: Numbers of deaths by county and combined as Diocese.

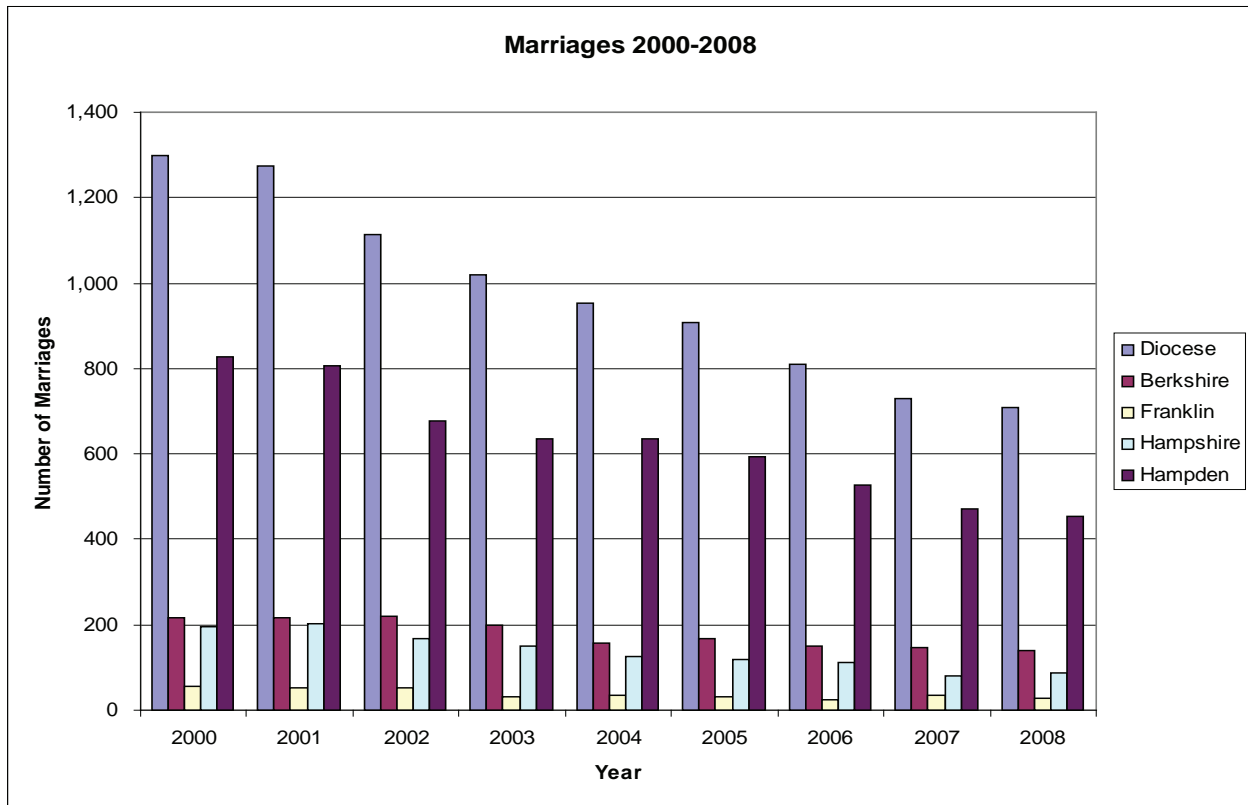


FIGURE 33: Number of marriages by county and combined as Diocese.

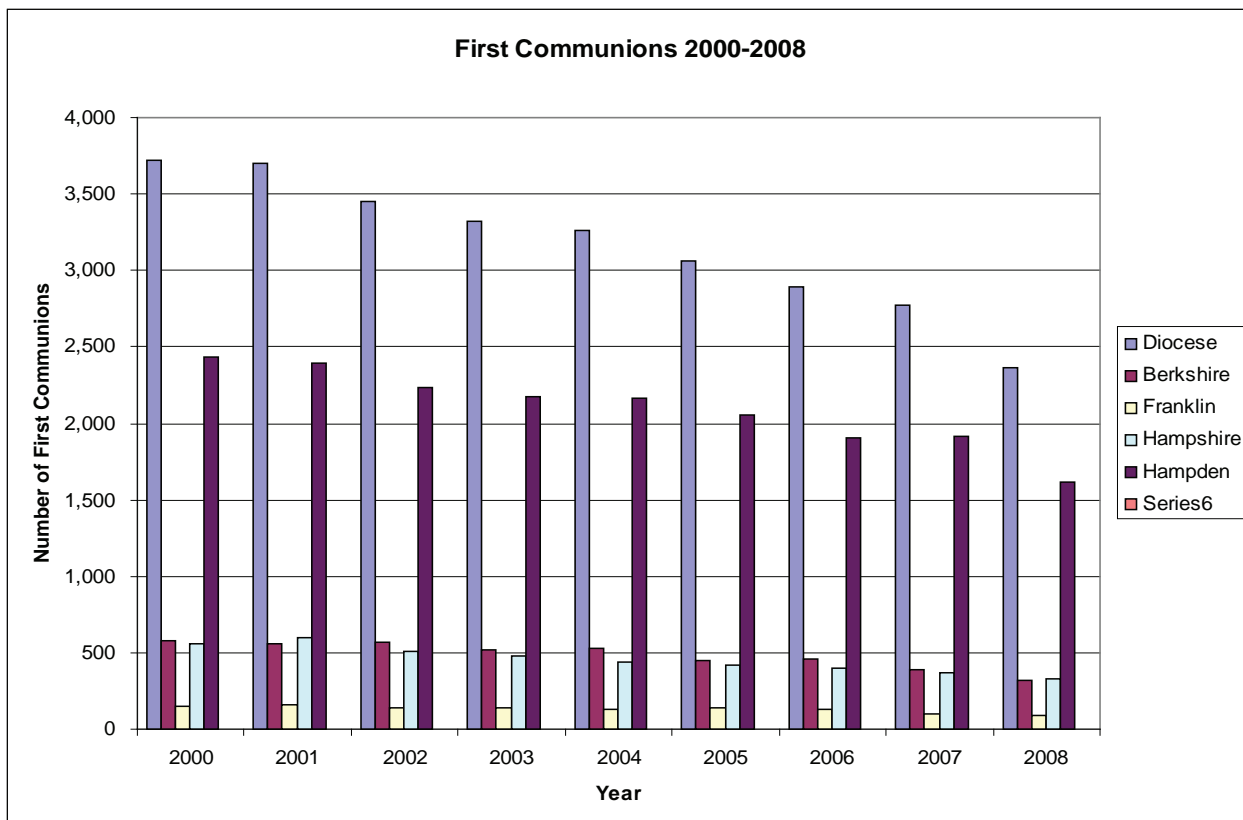
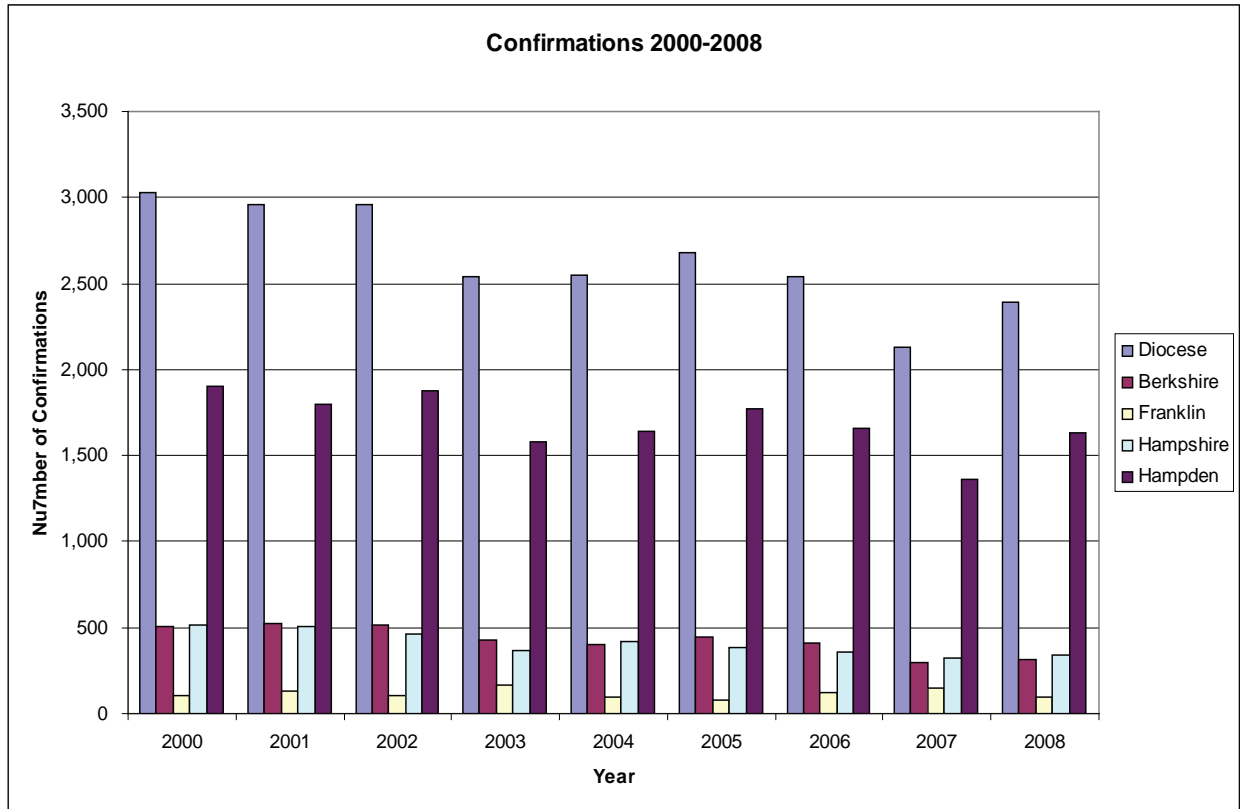


FIGURE 34: Number of first communions by county and combined as Diocese.



**FIGURE 35:** Number of Confirmations by county and combined as Diocese.