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Pastoral Planning Reflection Process
Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

Meeting held at Holy Family Regional School South Campus

Session One – Parish Reflection Questions

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Sacred Heart

Information from recorder at meeting

Question 1 – Core Values

- Community based on the liturgy
- Take liturgy out of the pews and into the community
- Continue to support South Oakland Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul outreach activities
- Strong religious education

Question 2 – Hope and dreams for parish

- Maintain and sustain parish in current challenging environment
- Increase membership

Question 3 – Catholic School opportunity

- Continue existing relationship as supporting parish for Holy Family Regional School

Christ the Redeemer

Information supplied by parish

Question 1 – Core Values

The essence of Christ the Redeemer can be summed up in three words-"The Mass Continues..." Our parish mantra sends us forth after every liturgy and has become the theme of our faith family story line. Christ the Redeemer is a welcoming Christian/Catholic community, committed to multi-denominational service through Love INC, the warming center, Habitat, etc.

Question 2 – Hope and dreams for parish

Christ the Redeemer will lead the way in providing information and inspiration to the community on policies of justice in the city, state, nation and world.

Young and all people will work together in comfort and unison on projects and prayer, learning from each other and sharing their special gifts.

Christ the Redeemer will grow as a faith family in an atmosphere of total inclusion.

Given parish core values (vision & mission) and current and future demographics (age, gender, marital/family, occupational, etc.), the parish should include an outstanding cradle to grave faith formation program. Programs and services will drive bricks and mortar needs.

CTR has historically had a significant focus on the children of the parish. While we need to continue that, it looks like we need to realize that we are going to be going through a major demographic shift.

As a parish and a vicariate, we need to prepare for this huge generational shift. We might consider being proactive and start trying out programs for older parishioners, so we can have the learning and be ready for the changing needs of the community.

Question 3 – Catholic School opportunity

Catholic education in all parishes should be focused on parents-teaching them how to grow Catholic families who will have the skills to attack today's challenges with the best of Christian values. Parishes need to provide outstanding cradle to grave faith formation (education & other) opportunities. Parish schools for K-8 are going to be difficult to support even in the largest, wealthiest parishes. If we as Catholics do prioritize the operation of Catholic schools, it can be best provided through a vicariate or regional Catholic schools system. However, we need to make a Catholic education affordable to all and to offer aid the poor.

St. Damien of Molokai

Information supplied by parish

Question 1 – Core Values

- St. Damien of Molokai values the diversity and the richness of our community, we believe in the strength that the family values and the youth bring to our community.
- We have many ministries that serve both of our populations: Anglo and Latino. We promote the community work that helps to outreach and serve those that are away from us.
- The social activities are inspired by our willingness of helping others and helping our church.
- Education and Formation are in constant growth according to the needs of our community.

Question 2 – Hope and dreams for parish

- Our dreams are: to have one sole building for all of us, since the merging process has brought concerns about identity and to develop the sense of togetherness.
- We wish to have a better social justice and share the need with all our community not only with those in need of it.
- Become a self-sufficient parish.

Question 3 – Catholic School opportunity

- We would love to have our kids in a Catholic local school but we know that our families can not afford the cost of private education.

St. Andrew

Information supplied by parish

Mission Statement

St. Andrew Catholic Church promises to journey in faith with our parishioners by providing a welcoming community, offering opportunities for sharing faith and service within our Parish and beyond. St Andrew will proclaim the presence of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God on earth.

Goals

- Provide varied educational opportunities for the faith formation of all parishioners.
- Improve communication through a comprehensive use of technology and other available resources.
- Provide varied social activities to help build our community of faith.
- Be a welcoming Parish.

St. Benedict

Information supplied by parish

Question 1: What are core values or key factors that describe your parish?

- We epitomize the spirit of a truly evangelization parish to both our members and the community. Although we are relatively small in total membership, we are a growing and financially stable parish with extremely active members.
- We all agreed there is no single factor that defines us. We are a small but active parish.
- K of C and Blessed Mother Society provide many opportunities to gather together for both spiritual activities and social activities.
- We have a core of volunteers that provides outreach to the Baldwin Center and St Aloysius.
- Our music ministry is second to none, engaging all ages and producing a Christmas program that is exceptional.
- We have a growing number of parishioners who participate in our marriage program and our youth group.
- The homilies we hear each week, formerly from Fr. Tom and now from Fr. Collins, challenge us to deepen our spirituality and engage the world outside our church walls to create a large presence in our community.
- Most important is the fact that all the ministries work together as a team to accomplish whatever task is at hand. We are an interconnected body following the precepts that Jesus taught us.
- We are a very financially stable parish due to our philosophy of spending only what we receive from our parishioners and fundraisers.

Question 2: Hopes and dreams for the future

- A pastor of our own
- A successful capital campaign so we can implement the needed repairs and updates to the church and office
- Continue to grow our active parish membership through our present evangelizational spirit
- Maintain our financial stability, with additional focus on fundraisers to supplement our offertory giving

Question 3: What kind of Catholic School opportunity?

- Since we already have a Catholic school on our parish campus (Notre Dame Marist Academy), we are not in need of another school to provide a Catholic education for our membership's children

St. Irenaeus

Information supplied by parish

Question 1 – Core Values

St. Irenaeus is a mid size, traditional parish with a strong sense of community. Liturgy is relevant to the daily lives of the parishioners. We have a very strong Christian Service program with extensive outreach programs. The Youth Group is extremely active and participates in parish activities as well as AOD and Vicariate programs. We have been in the implementation phase of a 3-5 year Strategic Planning process, which has increased our parishioner involvement and participation in parish life.

Question 2 – Hope and dreams for parish

Based on survey for strategic planning and parishioner input, St. Irenaeus has turned over those items rated for early implementation, as well as those for further study. Commissions and committees have been assigned items for implementation. Commissions and committees are: Worship, Social, Lay Ministry Development (Faith in Service), Stewardship, Communications and Staff and Parish Pastoral Council. The wishes and wants described by our parishioners is that we be financially solvent, continue our importance on the liturgy, enhance social activities, continue to expand on evangelization, continue to promote respect and desire for all sacraments of the church, expand offerings for the 21-35 age groups and middle school age children, and continue to be Christ centered and a welcoming community.

Question 3 – Catholic School opportunity

St. Irenaeus is a feeder parish for Holy Family Regional School. According to our survey results, the parishioners are satisfied with the current Catholic School opportunities.

St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish

Information supplied by parish

2011-2016 Vision/Values/Mission Setting the Direction for Our Five Year Plan

Vision

St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish is a welcoming, supportive, Catholic faith-family, living in the world today as Disciples of Jesus, the Christ.

Question 1:

Values

St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish Values:

- Our Catholic Faith
 - RCIA: 4 becoming Catholics
 - New members: average 5 new families per month
 - Women's prayer group & Advent program
 - Monthly Anointing of the Sick at Mass
 - Speakers throughout the year
- Community and fellowship
 - Noted as a welcoming parish
 - New members are introduced at Mass
 - Visiting the sick and grieving
 - Weekly Communion Services at area nursing facilities
 - Weekly Eucharist visits to homebound
 - Preparation and transport of soup for the homebound
 - Companionship with grieving families
 - Funeral visitation prayer services
 - Funeral luncheons – 40 volunteers/food donations per event
 - Coffee after Mass
- Faith formation/education for all ages
 - Confirmation: 39 confirmands
 - Baptisms: average 4 per month, except for Lent
 - Marriage preparation program
- Inclusion and diversity
 - Informal bonding of the international membership
- Campus and young adult ministry
 - 75 teen members
 - Yearly "Adopt a Cow" money raiser
 - Teen member on Parish council
 - Teens collected gift cards for the poor at Christmas
 - Very large Boy Scout troop
 - Eagle scouts have completed several projects for the parish
 - Huge presence at Oakland University – Lisa Brown, Campus Minister, on the Pastoral Team
 - 250 Agape members
 - WI FI available to students on SJF Campus
 - Pancake breakfast raised money for college students to volunteer Spring break mission trip
 - A suggestion for a program to phone for a ride to Mass is being investigated
- Service and social justice

- Feed about 40 homeless at Baldwin House; About 200 parish members participate
 - Feed and house 30 plus homeless at parish for SOS for one week each Summer
 - Christmas gifts to prisoners & poor families, homeless, inner-city Catholic students
 - Support Lighthouse of Oakland County
 - Food Drive
 - Hunger Walk
 - Support St. Vincent de Paul Ladies of Charity
 - Food/clothing collection 3 -4 times a year
 - 3-4 volunteers transport goods each week
 - Support Catholic Community Response Team in Pontiac
 - Toiletry collection 3 – 4 times a year
 - Pancake breakfast raised \$1500
 - Provide 5 – 6 volunteers each week
 - 'Movers & Shakers' – 6 retired volunteers who move household goods
 - Support Manna Meals
 - Monthly Saturday meal provision – 6-8 volunteers
 - Clothing/toiletry drive – 3 times a year
 - Support sister community of Ellacuria in El Salvador
 - Annual Lenten project
 - Delegations
 - Awareness programs
 - Collect back-to-school supplies for Pontiac school children
 - Active Justice and Peace group
 - Monthly peace vigil
 - Women's peace group focuses on international peace relations
 - Advocacy and education on behalf of the poor and the immigrant in Michigan
 - Respect life and dignity of all human persons
 - Over 90 people participated in a prayerful and peaceful discussion in response to the Advisory from Archdiocese
- Pastoral and lay leadership
 - Parish members Time and Talent Survey each year
 - Pastoral staff committed to the parish and to continuing education
 - Active Parish Council
 - Active parish commissions
 - Interface of Parish council, commissions and staff -- meet twice a year
 - Stewardship of creation
 - Clear local road twice a year
 - Volunteers keep the grounds and prayer garden in repair
 - Volunteers help with simple repairs
 - Parish practices and promotes recycling
 - Environmental awareness and education for/to the community
 - Financial and fiscal responsibility
 - Bills from Archdiocese of Detroit are paid on time
 - Debt is being paid down
 - Parking lot and roof are two outstanding cost issues
 - Need to keep staff salaries on par so we do not lose valuable personnel

Question 2:

Mission

St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish builds relationships by:

- Providing a spiritual home for worship and meaningful growth in our Catholic faith
 - Continue the worship group planning
 - Continue the music program

- Continue to invite speakers to broaden our Catholic view
- Father Jerry and staff continue to lead the community
- Connecting our faith to our everyday life (Servants' Entrance)
 - Continue to tithe
 - Be active in the community
 - Encourage ethical practice in the workplace
 - Continue volunteering to help the poor
- Building bridges between generations especially with young adults
 - Continue to incorporate Oakland University with the community
 - Continue to support Agape, Boy Scouts and youth group
 - Look into more senior activities
- Expanding roles in lay leadership
 - Pay our staff so they can continue their education and keep up with the cost of living
 - Encourage parishioners of all ages to become more active
 - The parish does a great job of getting all ages to work together which adds to our community spirit – lets build on it
- Listening to and supporting people of diverse backgrounds and needs
 - Encourage the informal group of international parishioners
 - Support the community in advocating for immigration rights, working on behalf of the poor, Advent alternative gift program, sponsored sister in Iraq, Pennies for Peace project building schools in Afghanistan, sister community in Ellacuria, El Salvador, more Hispanic presence and influence in liturgical celebrations.
- Supporting ecumenical and interfaith collaboration
 - More along the lines of Paint Creek congregational and SJF pot luck and immigration speaker
 - Participation in the Rochester Area Ministers' Association

Question 3:

We support Holy Family Regional school.

St. Joseph

Information supplied by parish

St. Joseph Vision Statement

(Who we are)

We are the presence of Christ, calling those who hunger and thirst for God.
One in heart and mind, we are sent to transform the world.

St. Joseph Mission Statement

(What we do)

St. Joseph Parish comes together as a Eucharistic family. We celebrate the sacraments and proclaim the Good News that Jesus Christ is Lord through Christian Formation and Catholic Education. We share our faith through Evangelization and Service to others.

St. Joseph Core Values

Love- God is love who lives in us.
Seeing Christ in each person.

Faith- People of God, alive in Christ, enriching families in the Kingdom.

Service- Faithful Catholics acting as the body of Christ, reaching out and providing service by ministering and responding to the needs of the community.

Integrity- In authentic life of gospel values centered in Jesus Christ

Truthfulness

Parish Goals for 2010-11

Goal #1-Communicate the presence of Christ through meaningful worship, grace-filled sacraments and dedicated service to others.

Goal #2-Create a culture of Stewardship engaging parishioners' time, talent and treasure to sustain the parish in its mission.

Goal #3-Provide comprehensive spiritual growth and faith formation programs rooted in truth and love for all ages.

St. Mary of the Hills

Information supplied by parish

The Parish Council considered the pastoral planning reflection questions that each of the parishes in the diocese must answer at the upcoming March 1, 2011 meeting at St. Mary.

- Question 1: Core values/key factors that describe the vitality and essential qualities of our parish:
 - ***Summary: St. Mary's is a welcoming environment for all ages and stages of life, dedicated to serving parishioners and the community. We are committed to fostering growth in our service, faith formation, and worship. Our music ministry and fellowship demonstrate our passion for praise, celebration and ongoing support for one another.***
 - **Serving those in need/commitment to tithing as a church**
 - **Music ministry**
 - **Christian fellowship and social activities**
 - **We are like a family, with many family activities**
 - **We are an inviting and welcoming parish, such as to new members**
 - **We have many activities in which to get involved for all ages**
 - **We offer faith formations for all ages (such as GIFT, Bible Studies, Men's and Women's Fellowship)**
 - **We have a welcoming environment for worship**
 - **Our masses are a celebration (We emphasize praising and worship)**
 - A well appointed church
 - The work demonstrated by our five Commissions
 - As reflected in our Mission Statement
 - Our pastor visits the homes of our parishioners
 - Family consecration
 - We support each other
 - We are an active parish - we have many different activities -- social, educational, worship, & for families
 - We are a prayerful and sacramental parish, fostering growth in prayer – both together & individually
 - We have growth opportunities, such as for the liturgy, outreach and bible study
 - We have community building groups
 - We foster full participation
 - We have great and committed parish leadership
- Question 2: What are the most inspiring hopes and dreams for the future of our parish?
 - ***Summary: Resoundingly, our desire is for growth to continue our passion of being a positive presence in the lives of our parishioners and community. We see a need for additional space for staff, youth and meetings. We are committed to continuing our Marriage Ministry and all Christian Service. We would like to refocus on evangelization and an even-more deepening of our prayer lives as a community and as individuals.***
 - ***** Building/center for office space, our youth and meetings**
 - **Foster more youth involvement, including a dedicated space for youth**
 - **A commitment to the marriage ministry, funeral ministry and Christian service through a dedicated coordinator/ staff member**
 - **Increase support of the elderly/youth/those outside of our parish (increase presence in the life of the community)**
 - **Focus on prayer and evangelization -- bring back lost Catholics**
 - **Better participation in liturgical activities (prayer services, Sacraments, etc) outside of Mass**
 - **Marketing our activities (communicate who SMOTH is & what we do the community & to ourselves)**

- Continuing our core values
 - Integration of GIFT into the life of the parish
 - More bible study, especially evening offerings
 - Having our RCIA program have a better presence in the parish
 - Renovate our kitchen
 - Better focus on vocations
 - Keep Christ as our center
 - Maintain our church complex and growth
 - Increase inter-faith and intra-faith activities
 - Expand the physical plant at St. Mary/buy adjoining land
 - Involve more younger families (through festivals, babysitting, etc)
 - Have a greater presence by the Knights of Columbus
 - Increase Marian devotions
- Question 3: What kind of Catholic school opportunity would we like to see available?
 - ***Summary: St. Mary's supports the need for ongoing Catholic education. We are blessed with our experience and affiliation with Holy Family Regional School, and recommend this relationship for other parishes. We, however, recognize the sacrifices parents and families make to send their children to Catholic schools and recommend effort be made to make Catholic education more affordable.***
 - Make a Catholic education more affordable (all grades)
 - Would like Holy Family Regional School to have a greater presence at St. Mary.
 - Foster single-sex high schools
 - We are blessed by our proximity to Holy Family Regional School
 - Consider a Christ-O-Rey program model for a high school (where businesses employ high schoolers and pay for their tuition)
 - Support concept of Regional schools
 - Increase availability (number, cost) of high schools

St. Paul Albanian

Information supplied by parish

Question 1 – Core Values

St Paul is an ethnic Albanian Catholic Church, we have no boundaries and our families come from all over Michigan. Our faith mission is to spread and keep family values, and to keep our youth coming to the Catholic Church and preserve our Albanian culture.

We have Holy Mass in Albanian on daily bases, and on Sundays we have two Holy Masses that accommodates both Albanian and American speaking parishioners. The sacrament of reconciliation is available one hour before all Holy Masses. **Adoration**, every Saturday from 8am until 1:30pm. All members of the parish have their homes annually blessed by Father Anton. No matter where a parishioner lives, Father Anton also visits the home bound and the sick in homes and in hospitals.

Our catechism classes consist of 5 communion classes and 4 confirmation classes that average about 35 students per class each year. The curriculum for our catechism classes consist of 2 hours of study and 1 hour of Holy Mass each week. All of our confirmation students are scheduled to receive the sacrament of reconciliation once a month.

We have many yearly retreats reaching out to all of our parishioners. Our confirmation students retreat is at St. Benedicts Monastery while our communion students retreat is at Fr. Solanus in Detroit. Our whole community is welcome to our retreat to Our Lady in Carey Ohio every spring and we have a women's retreat to Cross in the Woods up north.

Our youth group holds a youth bible study every Sunday open to the public to which approximately 30 to 40 young people participate.

We hold a charity canned food drive every Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as throughout the catechism school year. We have also joined with the American Red Cross in holding a blood drive two to three times a year. One is coming up on April 3, 2011 from 9am to 3pm.

The Knights of Columbus of St Paul's "Father Fishta" have organized many different events for the young people of our parish such as a yearly youth banquet, which they reward an outstanding Albanian senior high student, or a college student. They do a St Nicholas Christmas party every year in honor of St. Nicholas's feast for all the children of the community, and an Easter egg Hunt for our 1st communion students. They have also put together a free throw basketball competition.

Question 2 – Hope and dreams for parish

St Paul's greatest value for the present and the future is that we have an Albanian priest and two Albanian Franciscan nuns who help our youth experience Albanian traditions as well as maintaining our faith. God willing we will be able to keep them so that we can keep our Catholic faith and our culture for our children.

For the future, we need an Albanian English speaking priest since Father Anton is about to retire. Keep our nuns and everything we have, and to organize several new social functions, events, retreats, and

fundraisers to keep the St. Paul's Community up to date with the "new catholic generation"(Examples: Men's retreat, Couples retreat, Guest speakers Etc). All these events require funds to be donated or raised. However due to the blessing that St. Paul's is paid off, our future goals look very bright. We plan to use church money to fuel these future intentions our community is striving to accomplish. We have recently lost over 400 families due to immigrations problems. Because of this lost our future building plans are very small and that plan is to purchase a new digital road sign in the near future.

Question 3 – Catholic School opportunity

The parishioners of St Paul's are too wide spread throughout Michigan for any school projects.



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Sacred Heart

Question 1 – Housing and Foreclosure Trends

- Suffering in Economic Climate
- No growth in housing expected
- Lots of rental units in boundaries
- Open land (golf courses, etc.)

Question 2 – Job Loss/Growth Impact

- Parish suffering from effects of job loss
- Change in pastor recently affected membership
- Holding steady so far

Question 3 – Population Growth or Loss; Service and Outreach impact

- No change in population within parish boundaries
- Parish draws from many different communities

Question 4 – Projected Over 65 Impact

- “Already There” – parish is already 30% over age 65
- CSSOC adult day care facility next door
- Daily mass well attended by older people
- Outreach to local nursing and retirement homes several times a week
- Recent concentration on building youth and teen groups; will consider senior group or joining with another parish’s senior group

Question 5 – School Age Population Impact

- Religious Education has 2 classes per grades 1-8; enrollment holding steady
- Activities geared for elementary and middle school ages; working on starting youth group for teens

Question 6 – Plans for School

- No plan for school; continue existing support for Holy Family Regional School

Christ the Redeemer

Question 1 – Housing and Foreclosure Trends

- Seeing increase in renter occupied homes
- More need to minister to temporary residents

Question 2 – Job Loss/Growth Impact

- Contraction in area job market has been felt; many in parish dealing with job loss
- Reduction in sacrificial giving
- More multi-generation households, primarily post-college returning home
- Concerns about baby boomers retiring with limited savings and pensions affecting ability to support parish
- Parish believes in working with other agencies (LOVE Inc.) and tithing to these programs

Question 3 – Population Growth or Loss; Service and Outreach impact

- Data indicates 18% increase in general population, 19% increase in school age and 210% increase in over age 65
- If age 65+ projections are correct, impact expected in health care outreach services

Question 4 – Projected Over 65 Impact

- Parish has willingness to meet current needs and address future needs of older members when they arise
- Believe in collaborating with programs at other churches and agencies
- Impact likely in health care and financial needs of older members

Question 5 – School Age Population Impact

- Small percentage of parish families send children to Catholic school
- Summer religious education program very popular
- Concentrate on faith formation and education for parents and children
- Question of cost and emphasis on current Catholic high schools – they attract many non-Catholics seeking challenging college prep curriculum

Question 6 – Plans for School

- Continue existing relationship with St. Joseph elementary school

St. Damien of Molokai

Question 1 – Housing and Foreclosure Trends

- Church attendance comes from all over from those seeking Hispanic community
- Immigration is pulling people away and making some afraid to leave their homes
- Constantly moving population
- Seeking support from PAV for many needs

Question 2 – Job Loss/Growth Impact

- Professional people are moving away
- Immigration issues cause loss of people and jobs

Question 3 – Population Growth or Loss; Service and Outreach impact

- Outreach to “small communities” in trailer parks
- Evangelization to those who don’t attend Mass and may be considering non-Catholic churches
- Some immigrants are afraid to be seen in public for fear of Immigration agents

Question 4 – Projected Over 65 Impact

- Anglo population is already senior dominant
- Hispanic population is young with many children
- Suspect that data presented is not accurate

Question 5 – School Age Population Impact

- Focus on parish religious education
- Current efforts on youth and young adult faith formation to prepare children

Question 6 – Plans for School

- No access to Catholic school
- Financial considerations for school attendance or parish contribution to a Catholic school are overwhelming right now

St. Andrew

Question 1 – Housing and Foreclosure Trends

- 49% of parishioners do not live in official boundaries
- Everyone has been affected by the economy

Question 2 – Job Loss/Growth Impact

- More parishioners but smaller per family contributions
- Career mentoring ministry very strong

Question 3 – Population Growth or Loss; Service and Outreach impact

- Population is aging
- Fixed incomes will reduce available money for support
- More social services will be needed
- Young people are leaving Michigan
- Parish has growth areas to the north but road access is limited

Question 4 – Projected Over 65 Impact

- Active senior group
- Several ministries address concerns of seniors
- Larger future concerns regarding divorced seniors; homosexual seniors who don't feel welcome
- Losing more Catholics than we're gaining

Question 5 – School Age Population Impact

- 1500 currently in religious education classes
- Seek ways to fix family involvement

Question 6 – Plans for School

- Keep Holy Family full and growing

St. Benedict

Question 1 – Housing and Foreclosure Trends

- Have not really felt effect from housing or foreclosure trends
- Parish is growing
- Stable neighborhoods in Waterford

Question 2 – Job Loss/Growth Impact

- 79 new members in 2010
- Job loss has not had a major impact on this parish

Question 3 – Population Growth or Loss; Service and Outreach impact

- Waterford is built out and demographics are pretty locked in
- No change in population seen
- Home ownership declining; rentals increasing. Re-define definition of renters to long-term, not transitory.

Question 4 – Projected Over 65 Impact

- Have many “seniors in training” and “junior seniors”
- Use resources of active Waterford senior center
- Collaborate with other parishes for senior activities

Question 5 – School Age Population Impact

- Religious education has grown from 130 to 170

Question 6 – Plans for School

- Marist Academy Lower Division on parish property

St. Irenaeus

Question 1 – Housing and Foreclosure Trends

- Topped out in housing stock
- Foresee holding steady in current households

Question 2 – Job Loss/Growth Impact

- Growth in parish membership but decline in per family giving
- Career ministry is very strong and growing
- Core age group is 49-66

Question 3 – Population Growth or Loss; Service and Outreach impact

- Land locked and stable; no new areas to be built in boundaries
- Don't foresee major changes in population

Question 4 – Projected Over 65 Impact

- 10% currently over age 67
- Senior fellowship, started two years ago, has grown and is very strong
- Outreach activities have expanded and include homebound and health services (blood pressure checks)
- Aging population could be seen as an opportunity; seek grants for senior programs

Question 5 – School Age Population Impact

- School age population is declining
- Religious education enrollment is down, though higher in sacramental years

Question 6 – Plans for School

- Continue to support Holy Family Regional School

St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish

Question 1 – Housing and Foreclosure Trends

- Housing stock will remain unchanged
- Economy has hurt parish
- Hope that new medical school and expansion at Oakland University will positively impact parish

Question 2 – Job Loss/Growth Impact

- Large number of early retirements in parishioners
- Flat collection even with increased number of registered members

Question 3 – Population Growth or Loss; Service and Outreach impact

- Population is aging
- Parish boundaries include many retirement communities. Auburn Hills uses land in Pontiac School district for senior residences.
- Students at OU often remain members after graduation.

Question 4 – Projected Over 65 Impact

- Seniors in parish are very active and support CCRT, social justice activities and more
- Provide health, companion and bereavement ministry

Question 5 – School Age Population Impact

- Strong family faith sharing with steady enrollment
- Large and active youth group

Question 6 – Plans for School

- Continue support and participation in Holy Family school

St. Joseph

Question 1 – Housing and Foreclosure Trends

- Housing is declining; bubble has burst
- Homes built in last ten years more likely to be underwater and/or in foreclosure

Question 2 – Job Loss/Growth Impact

- Caused slowdown in population growth
- Reduction in income to parish
- Many in parish affected by 2008 staff reductions at Chrysler

Question 3 – Population Growth or Loss; Service and Outreach impact

- Suspect growth indicated in AOD statistics is overly optimistic

Question 4 – Projected Over 65 Impact

- Aging population will create stability
- See opportunity in income reduction to collaborate with neighboring churches
- Plan for access ramps, assisted technology devices

Question 5 – School Age Population Impact

- Lots of children and activities for them
- Having school attracts young families

Question 6 – Plans for School

- Continue to support St. Joseph school

St. Mary of the Hills

Question 1 – Housing and Foreclosure Trends

- Housing is stagnant but stable
- Room for growth in new housing should economy improve

Question 2 – Job Loss/Growth Impact

- Jobs in parish boundaries are mainly service jobs; most parishioners work outside parish area
- Losing young people who are leaving Michigan
- Reduction in income for those who have jobs is a problem
- Job ministry has been successful in helping people with employment

Question 3 – Population Growth or Loss; Service and Outreach impact

- Not land locked yet
- See increasing need for services for older people
- Parish population is aging

Question 4 – Projected Over 65 Impact

- Health care and transportation will become needs of older population
- Seniors are unable to attend Mass when they depend on adult children for transportation and kids don't come to church.
- Parish population currently below average on number of 65+

Question 5 – School Age Population Impact

- Slow growth in school age population

Question 6 – Plans for School

- Supporting parish for Holy Family school

St. Paul Albanian

Question 1 – Housing and Foreclosure Trends

- Main concern is losing families to immigration (400 left last year)

Question 2 – Job Loss/Growth Impact

- Most members are self employed or own businesses
- Families support each other in cases of unemployment
- Church is paid off and any work or repairs are done by parishioners

Question 3 – Population Growth or Loss; Service and Outreach impact

- Unique community; draws Albanian population from a wide area not from any boundaries

Question 4 – Projected Over 65 Impact

- Tradition for seniors to live with families; 2- and 3-generation households are common
- Transportation not an issue for seniors
- Health care becoming a problem for older members

Question 5 – School Age Population Impact

- Growing number of religious education classes (9 classes with average 35 students)
- Younger generation is having smaller families

Question 6 – Plans for School

- No plans to have a school; parish members live in too big an area

Holy Family Regional School

Question 1 – Housing and Foreclosure Trends

- Financial hardship increasing
- Tough demographics
- Hard to maintain enrollment

Question 2 – Job Loss/Growth Impact

- Impact is very direct – hard to collect tuition when job loss occurs
- Increased need for financial assistance
- Teacher salaries are a challenge

Question 3 – Population Growth or Loss; Service and Outreach impact

- No comment

Question 4 – Projected Over 65 Impact

- Holy Family welcomes grandparents
- Many grandparents pay or help pay tuition
- Grandparents help with fundraisers

Question 5 – School Age Population Impact

- More children == Good news for HF

Question 6 – Plans for School

- No comment