

June 5, 2009

Fr. Thomas Kramer
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Dear Fr. Kramer,

In January you and representatives from the West Wayne Vicariate Pastoral Council met with a member of the Tracking Committee to discuss your progress in the Together In Faith planning process. Each Tracking Committee member then wrote a summary of their meetings, which was sent to the entire committee. We discussed all of the vicariates at our May meeting and identified specific items that we would like each vicariate to address, and some issues that affect all vicariates.

We want to encourage you to revisit the priorities you developed in your original Together In Faith plan, and create goals, objectives and detailed action steps for implementation, including a budget to support collaborative ministry. Because of the number of parishes in your vicariate, we encourage you to continue collaboration using a quadrant model. We understand that some clusters originally identified have been implemented; however every parish in the vicariate needs to identify another parish with which they will cluster or collaborate with, particularly in the event of the retirement, illness or reassignment of a pastor. Please submit a complete, updated list by October 2009. Particular attention should be given to resolving the ministry St. Clement has developed with the Henry Ford Village. In these extremely challenging economic times it is important that the vicariate develop a collaborative plan which includes ways to financially support Catholic Schools by December 2009, particularly in light of the recent closing of St. Sabina Elementary School.

We encourage you to renew your commitment to the Together In Faith process and continue to collaborate for more effective ministry in support of the parishes, schools and institutions within the vicariate. Please share this information with the vicariate pastoral council, and be prepared to provide the Tracking Committee with an update by Fall 2009.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Miller
Chair
Archdiocesan Tracking Committee

cc: Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron
Bishop Francis Reiss