

BULLETIN INSERT -- APRIL 2-3, 2011
BLESSED SACRAMENT, CHRIST THE REDEEMER AND ST. MARY'S SOUTHSIDE

Two weekends ago you heard of the establishment of a committee to look at the opportunities and challenges associated with the delivery of ministries within the city. This weekend we are sharing with you the details of the assignment the committee has been given. More information will be shared at the city-wide meetings being scheduled but, in the meantime, questions can be directed to your Pastor or Dave Quinn (Committee Chair): 304 Demarest Pkwy., 732-6261 x214 or davidquinn@dor.org.

ELMIRA CHURCHES STRATEGIC PLANNING CHARTER

Committee Charter:

Recommend financial and infrastructure plan that meets ministerial goals for the Elmira Catholic parishes, taking an area-wide perspective. A preliminary report is due to the Regional Council at the Council's June 1 meeting. The report will be shaped by the integration of the findings and recommendations developed by the two subcommittees chartered below. The subcommittees will work jointly to perform the integration.

Structure:

One committee with two subcommittees. Committee chair – Dave Quinn. Committee and subcommittees will draw upon Holy Family school representatives as required to complete assessments and recommendations. Committee and subcommittees will communicate progress and findings to the Pastors, Regional Council, pastoral councils, finance councils, parish staffs, and parishioners of Blessed Sacrament, Christ the Redeemer, and St. Mary as well as other interested stakeholders – specifically St. Mary our Mother Parish and School as well as Notre Dame High School. Communications will be tailored to meet the needs of each interested group.

Subcommittee 1:

Asked to assess and document parish finances, staff, and facilities within the three Elmira parishes. Subcommittee will assess and document the current state of finances, staff, and facilities. This will include the current use of facilities in the three parishes. The subcommittee will then provide recommendations to ensure:

- (1) The financial viability of each parish and/or
- (2) The financial viability of the three Elmira Catholic parishes is maintained / developed using an area-wide perspective.

Subcommittee 2:

Asked to assess and document parish ministries and service within the three Elmira parishes, including what is currently available through the three parishes and what is needed. The subcommittee will also identify and document the ministries and activities within each parish that must be continued / maintained as well as where there are gaps between what is needed and what is currently in place. The subcommittee will then provide recommendations to ensure:

The critical ministries of Word, Worship, Community, and Service within each parish continue, albeit possibly in a transformed way, shaped by an area-wide perspective and a prioritization based on area-wide needs and available financial resources.

Subcommittee Membership:

Subcommittee 1: One Finance Council member and 1 Buildings and Grounds knowledgeable person from each Elmira parish.

Subcommittee 2: One Parish Council member and 1 Staff Member from each Elmira parish.