

<i>Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh</i>	
<b>ON MISSION FOR CHURCH ALIVE!</b>	<b>Beaver Valley DRAFT Parish Configuration #335</b>
Parish Grouping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>St. Frances Cabrini</i></li> <li>• <i>St. John the Baptist (Monaca)</i></li> <li>• <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i></li> <li>• <i>St. Titus</i></li> </ul>	3,100 Weekly Mass Goers (in 2016) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed Campuses:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current = 4</li> <li>○ End state = 2</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Priests assigned             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current = 4</li> <li>○ 2018 = 3</li> <li>○ End State = 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Representatives from *St. John the Baptist Parish* attended the second district-level consultation on April 25, 2017. Based upon feedback from the first round of consultations, the plan for our area has been refined. *St. Catherine of Siena (Crescent)* was included in the original model, but feedback from that parish has resulted in *St. Catherine* being moved to another group (*Moon/Coraopolis*). Our resulting grouping is indicated above. These parishes share geographic proximity, and existing collaborative relationships.

At the request of clergy, implementation of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* planning initiative in parishes will take place in phases. Bishop David Zubik will announce all priest and deacon assignments in March 2018, along with "groupings" of new parishes. However, implementation will happen in stages, with pastors following guidelines.

The groupings of new parishes will be put in one of three categories:

- **Category A** will include parishes that need to come together immediately, either due to serious financial or demographic issues or because they have indicated a readiness to proceed. These mergers would occur within a year of a pastor being assigned.
- **Category B** will include the greatest number of parish groupings, with pastors bringing parishes together in one to three years.
- **Category C** will be comprised of a number of larger parishes. Final mergers within these groupings of parishes will be implemented in three to five years. So, in March of 2018, clergy staffing for our new parish will be known and assigned to the four parishes and orchestrate the eventual merger.

All pastors will be given "blueprints" — plans that will include the number of primary worship sites and Masses for each new parish, staffing needs, a process for combining parish and finance councils, development of common ministry programs, and a timeline for merging. The parameters will allow the pastor to evaluate the needs of the new parish, build relationships with parishioners and customize plans to the local situation.

The parish groupings will accommodate the declining number of diocesan priests, from the 211 priests currently serving in active ministry to a projected 112 priests by 2025. The *On Mission Commission* will make recommendations to Bishop Zubik by the end of 2017.

**The *St. John the Baptist On Mission Team* is planning a *Parish Focus Session* open to all *St. John the Baptist* parishioners for additional feedback on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:00PM in *Mmgr. Farri Hall*.**