

## Questions Asked at St Michael's Town Meeting on 03/18/2012

1. How will it be decided where the Priest will reside for the parish cluster?
  - a. This will be decided on the local level, pastoral services teams may have more than one priest.
2. If a person died at one of the smaller parishes
3. Who in the pastoral team will decide these things?
  - a. The PST team, pastor, vicar along with PST parish and finance councils would decide this. Each parish would be represented in the PST parish and finance council. These are common questions which are also addressed in the FAQ.
4. Is anyone considering doing a recruiting program across our area to enlist more Deacons across our area?
  - a. The evangelization process will be doing this. The reality is that there is not a lot of salary for the families which have a working member in the diocese.
  - b. The diocese wants to come up with CCD programs and faith formation courses which would address young peoples (up to 40) current issues.
5. Parish has a lot of retired people with real business skills who could contribute to these efforts.
6. What would be the size of the PST for these three parishes, one priest, two priests etc?
  - a. This is a work in progress and it will be different for each PST. So the diocese is reluctant to say what a general rule would be for each collaborative. It will be determined on the local level. While it is frustrating this proposal is just that at this time.
7. Why is the diocese considering an outside pastor to be in charge of the PST?
  - i. This comes from the learnings of the previous cluster meetings where there was a lot of conflict within the cluster meetings. Also this would allow a priest that would be fair to all three parishes rather than having a parish with an existing prejudice to a particular parish in the PST.
8. Has the Diocese looked at what other places in the country have done, such as in Maine, Rhode Island and on the West coast where it is working, and these learnings should be shared with the parishoners?
  - a. Yes the office of Pastoral planning is headed by a Franciscan who was invited to the Diocese for this specific purpose. There is material available from him on the pastoral planning website.
9. IF there is one priest between three parishes how would that affect mass schedules classes etc?
  - a. These are things that are going to be determined on the local level.
10. Do we really have a say in this?
  - a. Yes we do, this is not a done deal and this is just a proposal where feedback is much wanted from across the diocese.