

PASTORAL PLANNING ANNOUNCEMENT, May 3, 2015



PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE, February 25, 2015

The self-study teams for Pastoral Planning 330 (PPA 330) met on Feb. 25 at BVM Church in Darby, PA, to finalize their recommendations for the Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Committee (ASPC).

On March 5, the Pastors from each parish presented their recommendations to the ASPC. The Pastors will present their proposals again to the Council of Priests on March 30.

After that the recommendations are in the hands of the ASPC to present to the Archbishop with a response expected by May 2015. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor.



PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE, January 28, 2015

The self-study teams for Pastoral Planning 330 (PPA 330) met on Jan. 28, 2015.

First, the group expressed appreciation for all the people who participated in the parish surveys. The results were discussed at the meeting.

Second, the group developed a recommendation to be presented to the Archdiocese regarding the future of PPA 330. It included a suggestion to revise the process and schedule for future parishes that share unique situations and goals. There was common agreement on sharing specific ministries in the future. Also, each parish agreed to provide the Archdiocese with its own plan to reduce its debt.

If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor.



On behalf of our Pastoral Planning Committee I thank so many parishioners for participating in the survey. There were 270 people who submitted a survey. Know your comments were read by several people and are valued both for their insight and because they attest to the vitality of our parish.

Thanks for your ongoing prayers during this pastoral planning process.

***In Christ's love,
Fr. Costa***

St. Francis Analysis January 31, 2015



PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE, January 7, 2015

First, the Pastor and two representatives from each Parish decided upon questions to be offered to their Parishioners regarding important issues related to the self-study. The same questions will be given out to each congregation.

Second, each Parish described how it intends to respond to its financial concerns, and their thoughts about sharing ministries in the future.

The goals of the next meeting, January 28, include identifying responses to the questionnaires, and writing the first draft of a recommendation about the future of the three Parishes. When completed, it will be presented to the Archdiocese. If you have any concerns, ideas, or questions about the self-study, please contact our Pastor.



PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE, December 3 2014

The pastor and two representatives from each parish shared information about potential strengths and weaknesses as they relate to the sustainability of those parishes. Each parish provided information about their financial status and the condition of their facilities at this time. They also discussed how to give parishioners the opportunity to offer responses to the self-study process. The goal of our next meeting, January 7, is to talk about future possibilities for each parish in PPA 330.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about the self-study, please contact your pastor.

For more information, check the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning web page at http://archphila.org/conversion_index.php.



PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE, November 8, 2014

The self-study for our Pastoral Planning Area (PPA 330), which includes Saint Francis, Holy Cross and Saint Kevin parishes began on October 29th. The pastors and two representatives from each parish participated in an orientation meeting at BVM in Darby.

The meeting included introductions, assumptions about the self-study and the rules for group discussion were explained. Information about the criteria for a vibrant parish was shared, as was important data from each parish.

Questions for discussion during the next meeting were presented—we need to identify the strong points of our parish, and what areas need to improve—i.e.: Sharing Ministries, Financial Challenges, Pastoral Care, Mass Attendance and the Condition of our Facilities (buildings and grounds). If you have any questions, concerns or input about the process, please contact the pastor.

As we enter into this process, let us pray that the wisdom of the Holy Spirit may fill all of us and that God may grant us the patience and grace to complete this work with the necessary focus and dignity. Holy Spirit, help us live our mission and vision as the vibrant church of St. Francis of Assisi.