



Archdiocese of Detroit

DEPARTMENT OF PARISH LIFE AND SERVICES
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

TO: Together in Faith Parish Planning Groups
FROM: Alton M. James
SUBJECT: School Planning Group Data & Initial school Plans
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The Together In Faith Parish Planning Groups are currently reviewing clarifying questions from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council as we move towards developing pastoral plans. The final step will be to summarize these recommendations using a series of questions, which will serve to focus the plans on the seven archdiocesan priorities: Evangelization, Christian Service, Youth and Young Adults, Lay Leadership, Stewardship and Administration, Vocations, and Catholic Schools.

The School Planning Groups have also been studying their own statistics and criteria, to develop a plan for the Catholic Schools in your area. The School Planning Group plans will not be completed by November, but your initial input about these questions would greatly assist them in their work. This will also help our Parish Planning Group form its final plan. Please discuss these questions if possible with your pastor, parish pastoral council and finance council and come prepared to share the results at the final meeting in October.

- 1. Does your parish currently financially subsidize one or more Catholic Schools?**
 - a. If yes, will the parish commit to continuing to subsidize at the current or at a higher level for the next five years?**
 - b. If no, would the parish consider a subsidy for Catholic Schools, at what level, for how long, and for which school(s).**
- 2. Does your parish currently assist with Marketing and Recruitment of Catholic Schools in your vicariate, and how?**

To bring you up to date regarding the work of the School Planning Groups, the Office of Catholic Schools is making available to you the following items in the attached excel spreadsheet:

1. The Flow Chart that is guiding the School Planning process
2. Healthy School Criteria developed for Together in Faith Phase II
3. Basic Assumptions for the Catholic School Planning Process
4. IOWA Test Scores for each school
5. Demographic & Statistical data for each school
6. Financial Data for each school
7. Questions developed by the Office of Catholic Schools & the Catholic Schools Advisory Board to assist in directing the planning process
8. The initial plan developed by the School Planning Group during the spring meetings

This data is provided for your information so that you are aware of the state of the schools in your area. Keep in mind that a Healthy School Criteria has been established and is contained in the attached. If you need any further assistance or have questions about the school planning data, please contact **Kimberly Young** at the Office for Catholic Schools via email at Young.Kimberly@aod.org or via phone at (313) 237-5776.