

Bulletin September 5th and 6th, 2009

Cluster 28 Transition Committee

The Cluster 28 Transition Committee had its first meeting last week to begin planning for the formal unity next summer of St. Brigid's School, St. Joseph, St. Patrick and St. Pius X parishes. In our initial discussion, we began to consider the opportunities and challenges that lie before us in this process. An important part of that discussion was to openly acknowledge the fears inherent in all our communities concerning the changes that lie ahead, especially as we read about parishes being closed in other parts of the diocese.

But fear never gets us very far – it does not come from God. Beyond our fear lies a powerful invitation for us to grow into a stronger community of faith. We move forward in that hope. We will be considering data about the four institutions of this cluster certainly, and we will be planning how best to use our limited resources more effectively for the good of all. We were happy to see that we have already taken strong steps in the right direction through the coordination of our sacramental programs for weddings, baptisms, first penance and communion, and confirmation. Many of our support organizations such as the Knights of Columbus and our Women's groups have begun to share activities. These efforts help us to come to know each other and give our future together a solid foundation. We acknowledge the generous support that our parishes give to St. Brigid's School and see how the school can be a source of life and energy for the entire cluster.

Most important, we pledge to communicate with you in a regular and transparent manner about our planning. We will utilize the bulletin, school news notes/letter, and websites as the first means of this communication. If at any time you have input you wish to share, please feel free to speak with one of the committee members – you can call your parish or school office for contact information. Above all, please keep us and this process in your prayers.