

Vibrant Parish Life

Visioning our Future

Saint Colette – Saint Ambrose

Brunswick, Ohio

Cluster Steering Committee

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As we look to accomplish the goals outlined in the May 2009 report, we have established and are working towards addressing the following areas of ministry:

In Support of Catholic Education

Committee Members:

Alan Bartholomew

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- We have developed a system of mutual support for Catholic Education:
 - Saint Ambrose School is the preferred partner school for Saint Colette families choosing Catholic education.
 - Opportunities to promote Saint Ambrose School at Saint Colette (bulletin inserts, speaking at weekend masses) are done on an ongoing basis.
 - Father Krizner and the Pastoral Staff have come to visit Saint Ambrose School.
 - Financial support for the school has been clarified.
- We have established a working committee to plan and develop a regional scholarship fund supporting Catholic Education.
 - The committee is in the process of creating a fund-raising event working towards the goal of raising a significant amount of money (between the range of \$25,000 and \$50,000 annually) that can be distributed to students from Saint Colette and Saint Ambrose Parishes for Catholic education (elementary and high school level).
 - The committee will be developing criterion and guidelines for distribution of scholarship funds.

- The target implementation is Spring of 2011 with funds being used for the 2011-2012 school year.
- It is essential to have the Finance Councils of each parish explore the need and discuss mutual involvement in expanding the capacity for Saint Ambrose School in order to provide Catholic education for all those in our geographic region.

In Support of the Church in the City

Committee members:

Mike Badaczewski

Deborah Ewsichek

Lee Ewsichek

Scott Hodan

Jeff Koeth

Jim Lepi

Betty Ann Spero

Jeff Trush

- The Catholic Works of Mercy program brings together members of Saint Ambrose and Saint Colette in service to our sisters and brothers in need. We have achieved many successful efforts to care for those in our region.
 - Both parishes are conducting regular collections for CWM.
 - Both parishes are collaborating together for the collection of holiday food.
 - Both parishes guiding those in need to the CWM.
 - Working together to create a seamless process of care.
- Catholic Works of Mercy has developed a three year plan for its ministry.
- Part of the strategic plan calls for the adoption of a partner parish through the Church in the City process.
- A committee has been formed and now stands ready to request a partner parish.

In Support of Evangelization

Committee members:

Anita Harabin

George Harabin

Rudy Hausmann

Karen Hodapp

Dori Kole

Carol Maline

Mark Oldfield

Deacon Gary Tomazic

Joan Vasko

Kathy Yohman

- We are developing a joint RCIA Team for 2010-2011. A strong common effort to encourage our members to discern and prepare for full communion in the Church, through the RCIA, creates a system of support as part of our evangelization efforts.
- Evangelization and outreach is very important to both parishes. We are in a growing area and are working to create a strong Catholic presence in our region. Our efforts, up to now, have been on our own. The Vibrant Parish Life process is calling us to work together in a regional evangelization effort.
- We have established a working committee that will plan and implement a regional "Welcome Home Sunday" program. This program will be an integrated outreach using preaching, print, and social medias to invite all inactive Catholics in our region to 'come home' to Church on a particular Sunday. The initial effort is planned for Fall of 2011.

- Proper catechesis and training will be offered to assist active members to reach out to inactive Catholics within their family, neighborhood and community.

In Support of Eucharistic Liturgy and Celebration of the Sacraments

Committee Members:

Tom Bonezzi

Denise Daugherty

Renate Eber

Tim Krolkowski

Nina Venesile

Julie Brown

Carole Dowdell

Sarah Gresko

Lynn Tobon

Lori Werner

- In light of the changes in liturgy and worship scheduled for 2011, liturgical catechesis will be a priority. Our cluster will sponsor joint catechetical sessions to educate liturgical ministers.
- The committee will review and recommend a common set of resources that will be included in Sunday bulletins to educate our communities on the liturgical changes.
- We will continue to work together on Baptism Catechesis for Parents.
- Our cluster will continue to support each other in terms of liturgical scheduling and needs (i.e. Advent and Lent Communal Penance, Mass Presider support, etc).
- The committee will review the schedule for Mass times, confession, and Eucharistic Adoration to best respond to the needs of the region.
- The “*Welcome Home Sunday*” project for evangelization will work closely with the Liturgy Committee to assure appropriate education and catechesis is provided for the faith community.

In Support of Vibrant Parish Life

- The Cluster Steering Committee is planning an October event to celebrate the cooperation and collaboration of our parish communities. The event tentatively calls for a Vibrant Catholic Life Sunday walk-a-thon. Each parish will invite members to gather in their respective parking lots and walk to a city park ‘in the middle’ for a family picnic and celebration. This will also be done on Respect Life Sunday to underscore this important priority in the Catholic Church.
- The Cluster Steering Committee will continue to explore ways of increasing communication, cooperation and publicity about events and programs and the VPL status/goals for the upcoming year.
- The Cluster Steering Committee will continue to convene the working groups together on a regular basis and continue to share VPL information with parish leaders.

June 28, 2010

Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon
Diocese of Cleveland
1404 E. 9th Street
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear Bishop Lennon:

Please find enclosed a copy of the VPL Action Plan for the Saint Colette – Saint Ambrose Cluster. We have gathered a committed group of members representing both parish communities to develop and implement this VPL Action Plan. We are working to respond to your pastoral concerns for our region set forth in your VPL directives. We are working together to strengthen the Catholic life in our community and serve the needs of our Catholic community.

The enclosed report is one more expression of the good rapport and positive working relationship we have developed. We are hopeful that this Action Plan will allow us to continue to strengthen the Catholic Church in our region.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Father William Krizner
Pastor, Saint Colette

Father Bob Stec
Pastor, Saint Ambrose