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Online Updates on Archdiocesan Strategic Plan Parishes and Schools Impacted by *Together in Faith* Process

The review and recommendation phase of *Together in Faith* is coming to a close. This historic strategic planning process involving all schools, parishes and vicariates in the Archdiocese of Detroit has been underway since the fall of 2004.

Since the middle of last year, a series of draft plans or “dialogues” have gone back and forth between the vicariates (geographical groupings of parishes) and the oversight group known as the Coordinating Committee. The committee has been reviewing and organizing the self-studies and posing “critical questions” for consideration.

For their part, the vicariates have shared responses and recommendations with the Coordinating Committee. Overviews of this process—vicariate by vicariate—are now available online via the archdiocesan splash page at www.AODonline.org. All parishioners in the six counties of the Detroit archdiocese are invited to review the materials that relate to their school, parish or vicariate.

There will be one more exchange from the committee back to the vicariates; it will be posted when available. The Coordinating Committee will then bring a proposal forward, and by late March, Cardinal Maida will unveil a total pastoral plan for the archdiocese. Among the factors driving this effort are the shifting populations of Catholics in southeast Michigan and the declining number of priests.

Parishioners with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit via e-mail at TogetherInFaith@aod.org or call 313-237-5971.

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