

## Message from Parish Cluster 23 Planning Group

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Members of the Parish Cluster 23 group continue to work towards a greater understanding of each other before any recommendations for a future administrative model can be made to Bishop Malone. Over the past two months, we have gathered information regarding the individual parish communities including but not limited to such factors as the distance between existing parishes, size, economic and spiritual vitality, and specialized ministerial needs. We have also had an initial meeting with members of the pastoral councils and finance commissions. Much insight was gained while the doors for communication were opened wider. Again, we commit to communicating honestly with all of you, and we encourage you to provide us with your feedback and concerns at any time during the process. Next steps include visiting individual parish communities for dialogue regarding values within that are important and vital in the long-term life of the parish community. Many members of the parish cluster planning committee are participating in a day of prayer, reflection and learning with Bishop Malone regarding our New Evangelization and Renewal.

Members of the group include:

Rev. Reginald Brissette  
Rev. Joseph Daniels  
Anna Cutter  
Donna Libby  
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Rev. Lawrence Conley  
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### **Frequently Asked Question: Who came up with the models for organizational design, and does the parish cluster planning committee have to work within these models?**

Four models for new parish structure were devised by an Evangelization Steering Committee and approved by the Bishop. The Parish Cluster Planning Committee must work within these models in making their recommendation for which administrative model would be best for our Parish Cluster. Each model has advantages and disadvantages, with no “one size fits all” solution. Strengths of existing parish communities must be preserved and enhanced in the process. The Parish Cluster Planning Committee will be making a recommendation to the Bishop by June 2006. At that time, the recommendation will need to be reviewed and approved by the Bishop before an implementation timeline is identified. Implementation is not the responsibility of the Parish Cluster Planning Committee.