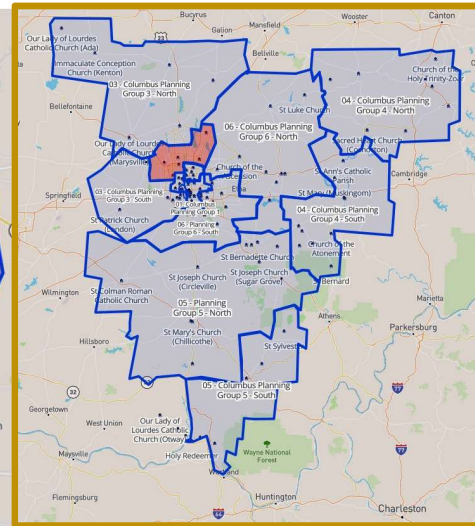
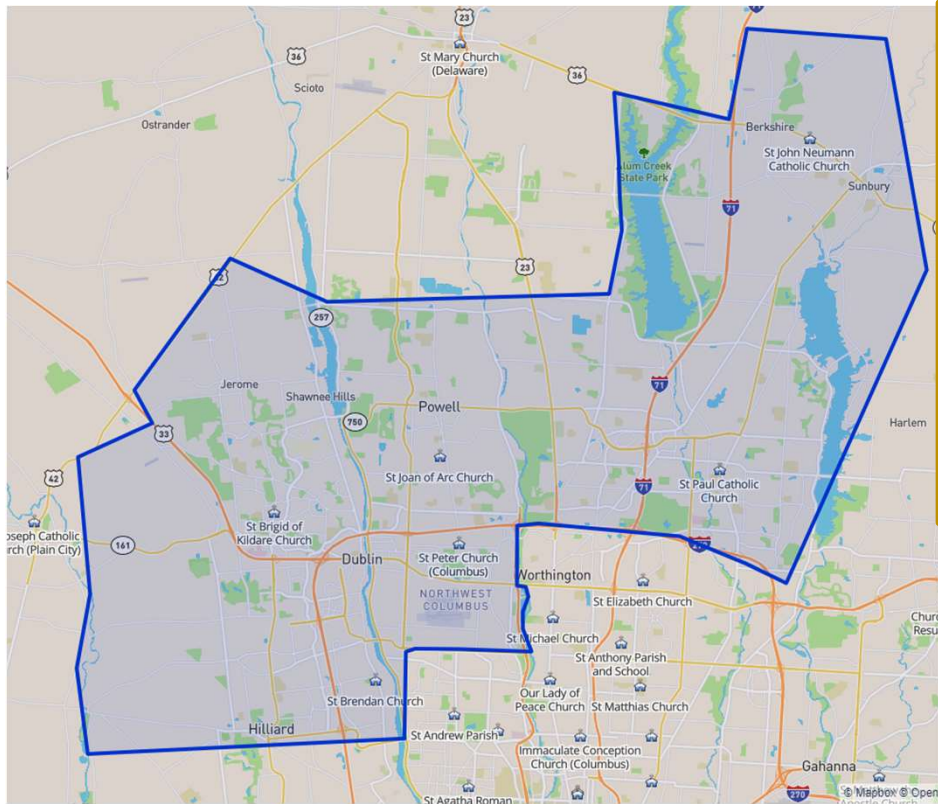


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Planning Group 2-North



Parishes & Mass Attendance



Mass Attendance *down 33%* in the Group

	2019	2021
St. Brendan	2,851	1,761
St. Brigid of Kildare	2,981	1,521
St. Joan of Arc	2,559	1,518
St. John Neumann	1,838	1,721
St. Paul	3,669	2,570
St. Peter	1,280	1,025

Schools at St Brendan (496), St Brigid (516), and St Paul (755)



Priest Feedback



- Priests **in the group** tended to provide **feedback on specific parishes** rather than the options presented. These focused on the following.
 - **St Peter and St Joan of Arc were too large to merge** and there was concern over preserving Latino ministry at St Peter.
 - Priests inside and outside group felt that grouping **St Brigid and St Joseph would not work due to cultural differences.**
- Priests **outside the group** who commented felt **St Peter with St Michael would not work due to cultural differences.** There was also sentiment for “twinning” the large parishes not grouped with others to provide resources to poorer areas.

Parishioner Feedback - General



- **226 respondents** (2% of mass attendance in 2021) with 64% female and 36% male. 71% of respondents were over 55 years of age. **St Peter had most respondents (109) followed by St Brendan (43)**, St John Neumann (29), St Joan of Arc (27) and St Brigid (25).
- Greatest concerns were declining sacramental participation (40%) and demands on clergy (32%).
- Ministry priorities were connecting with young adults (35%), engaging young families (24%) and cultivating greater lay leadership (23%).
- Given most parishes remain as is in the models, the feedback on model preference was driven by those with larger numbers of respondents who were paired with others in the models. Option 1 had 51% strongly agree/agree vs 24% for option 2. This was due mainly to who St Peter was paired with in the two options. A number of comments on both models stated the pairings put forward made little sense given size of the parishes involved.

Parishioner Feedback - Comments



- **General Themes:**

- Despite favorable demographics there is **lack of programs/outreach to youth/young adults/young families. It is significant lost opportunity.**
- There is a **need for coherent approach to Hispanic ministry.** Difficult to blend Anglo and Latino communities.
- General approach smacks of clericalism. Seems to be based on priest shortage. Need greater lay involvement and leadership at the parish and diocesan level.
- RPRF addressing the symptoms but not issue. Why are people leaving?
- COVID is dramatically impacting parishes. Need to look at current information.
- Need to address shortage of priests – Married Men, women, foreign born.

- **Parish/Grouping specific:**

- **Significant negative reaction to St Joan/St Peter grouping**
- Distance from St Elizabeth to St Peter & St Joan too great
- Several mentions of “sistering” affluent parishes in this part of diocese with poorer parishes in other parts of diocese to provide resources.



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- 2021 Mass Attendance: 2,137
- Preschool to remain at St. Margaret, feeder to St. Brendan

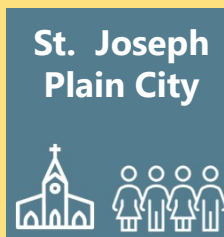
Questions for consideration

1. What are the strongest aspects about this proposed model?
2. What are the most challenging aspects about this proposed model?
3. How could this proposed model better support evangelization and outreach?

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St. Brigid
of Kildare



St. Joseph
Plain City



Model C

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 1,813

Questions for consideration

1. What are the biggest implications that should be considered if this proposed model were to be implemented?
2. What alternatives exist to this proposed model that would help address some current challenges and promote future growth?
3. For what communities would this proposed model be most challenging? For which ones might it create new opportunities?

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Model A

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 1,518
- Multilingual Parish

Questions for consideration

1. What are the biggest implications that should be considered if this proposed model were to be implemented?
2. What alternatives exist to this proposed model that would help address some current challenges and promote future growth?
3. How could this proposed model better support evangelization and outreach?

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Model C

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 2,062
- Proposed new elementary school at St. John Neumann

Questions for consideration

1. What are the biggest implications that should be considered if this proposed model were to be implemented?
2. What alternatives exist to this proposed model that would help address some current challenges and promote future growth?
3. For what communities would this proposed model be most challenging? For which ones might it create new opportunities?

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Model A

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 2,570
 - Multilingual Parish
- Questions for consideration**
1. What additional information would be helpful in considering this proposed model?
 2. What are the biggest factors that influence your impression of this proposed model?
 3. What hasn't been considered relative to this proposed model?

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You are being asked to:



- Sign up for the Monthly Newsletter at realpresencerealfuture.org.
- Provide your own feedback on the Second Round DRAFT Models.
- Encourage fellow parishioners to participate and provide feedback on the Second Round DRAFT Model video presentations which will be available on the realpresencerealfuture.org website.
- Continue to review the reasons for the need for a long-range plan for the Diocese of Columbus.
- Remind fellow parishioners that active involvement is the best way to come up with constructive solutions to the challenges we face.
- Remind fellow parishioners that decisions will not be made without the approval of a new Bishop.

You are NOT being asked to:



- Advocate for a certain DRAFT Model or convince parishioners to support a specific DRAFT Model.
- Defend the DRAFT Models.
 - Remember, these are meant to further the conversation.
- Solve or answer every parishioner's question or concern.
 - You're encouraged to direct them to send questions and comments to: hello@columbuscatholic.org.



THANK YOU!

