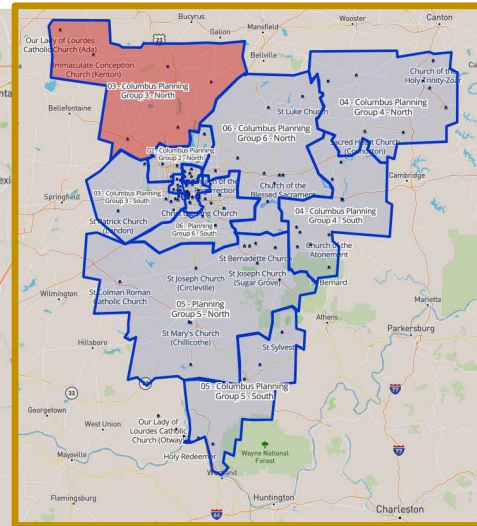
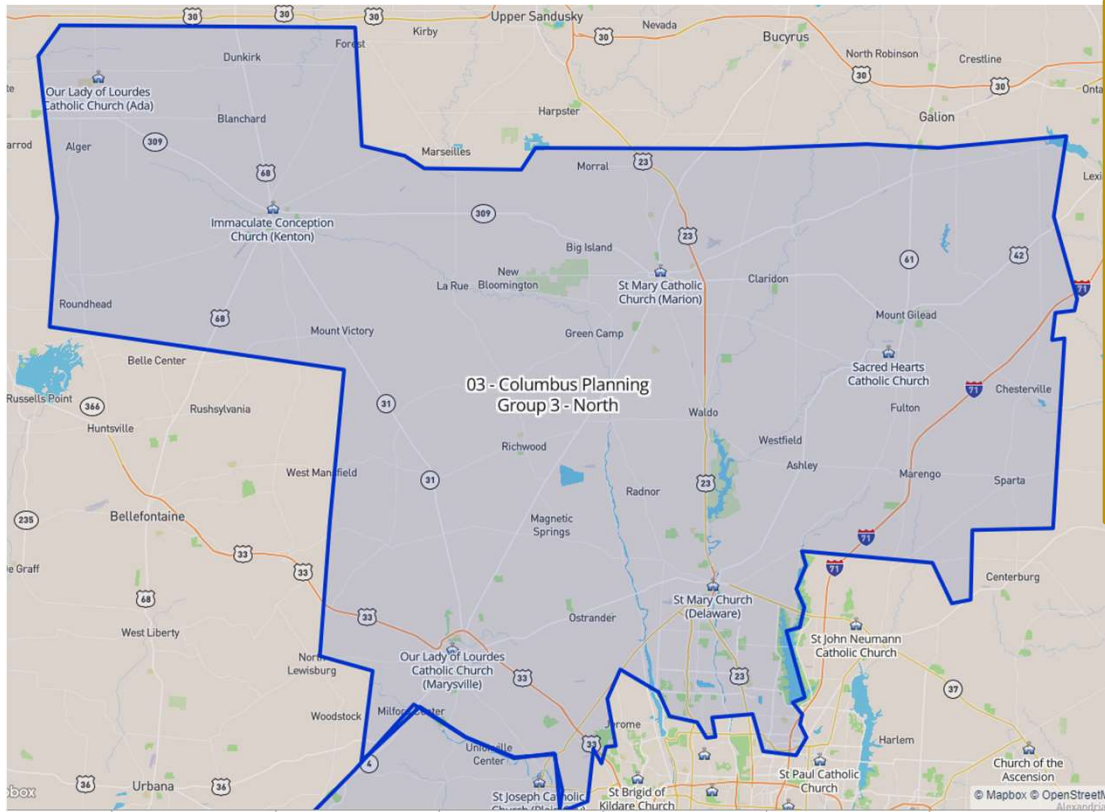


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# Planning Group 3-North



# Parishes & Mass Attendance



## Mass Attendance *down 29%* in the Group

	2019	2021
Immaculate Conception – Kenton	153	126
Our Lady of Lourdes – Ada	155	117
Our Lady of Lourdes – Marysville	880	710
Church of the Sacred Hearts	180	149
St. Mary – Delaware	1,478	870
St. Mary – Marion	734	560

Schools at St Mary Marion (110) and St Mary Delaware (331)

# Priest Feedback



- Priests **in the group favored Option 1 or leaving things as they are.**
  - All 3 respondents felt Sacred Hearts was better paired with St John Neumann and leaving St Mary – Marion as is due to level of activity.
- 4 Priests outside the group were split between the two options. No commentary provided.
- Several priests noted that **a priest is needed at the University in Ada and the FOCUS ministry should be expanded there.**
- **Creative approaches to dealing with the distances involved need to be explored.**

# Parishioner Feedback - General



- **80 respondents** (3% of mass attendance in 2021) with 60% female and 40% male. 55% of respondents were over 55 years of age. **OL Lourdes - Marysville had most respondents (22)**. All other parishes had 9 to 11 respondents.
- Greatest concerns were declining sacramental participation (37%) and demands on clergy (35%).
- Ministry priorities were connecting with young people and adults (55%) and deeper engagement of current parishioners (41%)
- **Of options presented there was a strong preference for option 1 with 70% strongly agree/agree vs 16% for option 2.** Key strength cited for option 1 was that it builds on existing relationships. In both options there was significant concern over distances and the resulting strain on clergy, although this was more pronounced for option 1.

# Parishioner Feedback - Comments



- **General Themes:**

- **Culture and needs of smaller parishes could be lost in mergers.** Each community needs to develop and focus separately. The status quo is working.
- **Geography is a major challenge.** Given the distances involved one priest can't support the merged parishes. **There is concern over losing masses and access to sacraments. Significant concern expressed for well being of priests.**
- Where is the focus on vocations?
- Need to look at sharing resources creatively without disrupting communities. (eg..Regional religious education, RCIA, etc...)

- **Parish/Grouping Specific:**

- Church of Sacred Hearts could also be paired with St John Neumann, St Mary – Marion or St Mary – Delaware.
- Leave St Mary – Delaware and St Mary – Marion as is. They are large and vibrant.



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## Model A

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 710
- Possible religious order presence

### Questions for consideration:

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

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## Model A

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 870
- Multilingual Parish
- Possible religious order presence

### Questions for consideration:

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



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## Model B

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 243
- FOCUS Ministry at Ohio Northern University
- Possible religious order presence

### 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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## Model C

- **2021 Mass Attendance: 709**
- **Multilingual Parish**
- **Possible religious order presence**

### Questions for consideration:

1. For what communities would this proposed model be most challenging? For which ones might it create new opportunities?
2. What additional information would be helpful in considering this proposed model?
3. What are the biggest factors that influence your impression of this proposed model?

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# You are being asked to:



- Sign up for the Monthly Newsletter at [realpresencerealfuture.org](https://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](https://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](mailto:hello@columbuscatholic.org).



**THANK YOU!**

