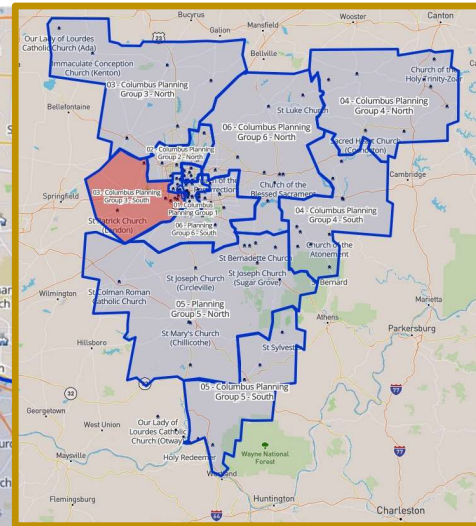
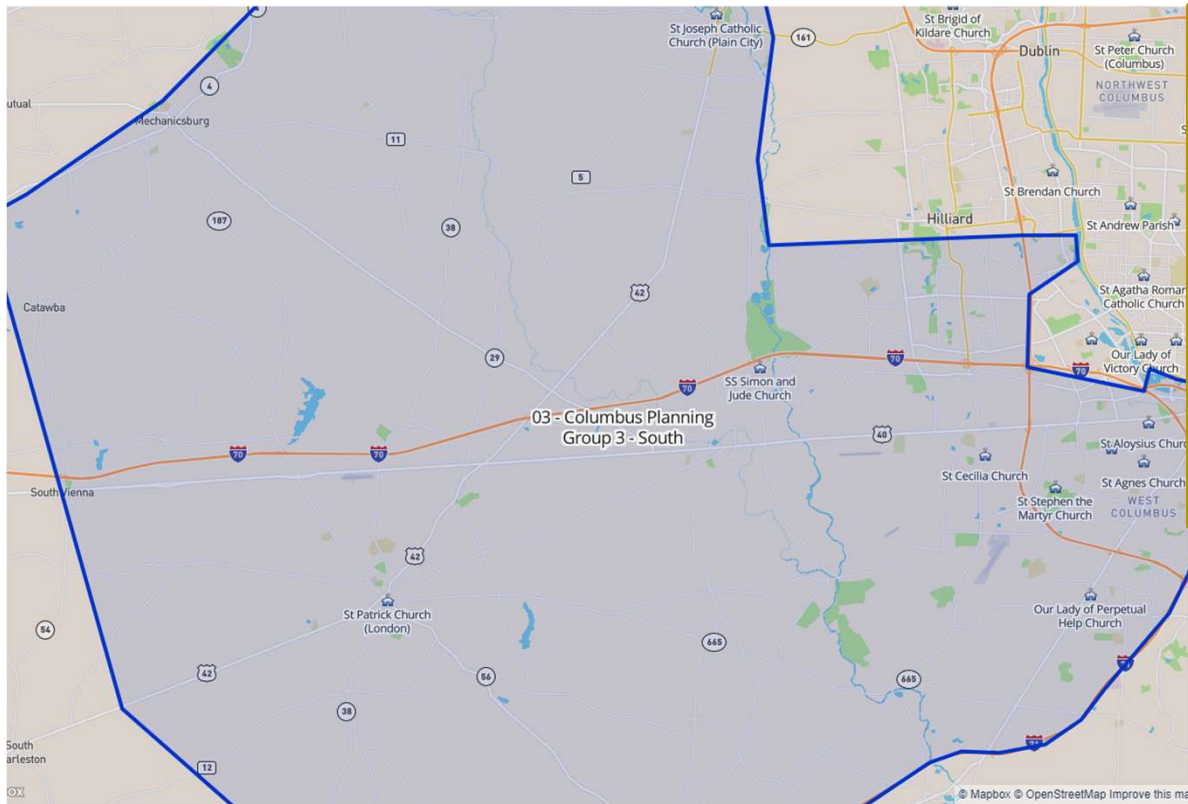


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# Planning Group 3-South



# Parishes & Mass Attendance



## Mass Attendance *down 18%* in the Group

	2019	2021		2019	2021
St. Aloysius	156	179	St. Mary Magdalene	282	181
St. Agnes	334	376	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	1,538	1,045
St. Cecilia	794	491	St. Patrick – London	369	265
Holy Family	759	838	Sts. Simon & Jude	417	411
St. Joseph – Plain City	324	292	St. Stephen	1,455	1,225

Schools at St Cecilia (237), St Mary Magdalene (252), Our Lady of Perpetual Help (346), and St Patrick (117)



# Priest Feedback



- Of the options presented, **Priests in the group as well as those outside the group favored Option 2 over Option 1.**
- There was **concern about distances to be covered**, particularly outside the southernmost cluster of parishes in the planning group.
- Concern was expressed with **preserving Latino ministry at St Stephen.**

# Parishioner Feedback - General



- **197 respondents** (3% of mass attendance in 2021) with 70% female and 30% male. 63% of respondents were over 55 years of age. **St Cecilia had most respondents (51) followed by St Joseph – Plain City (43), St Patrick - London (28) and Holy Family (26).**
- Greatest concerns were declining sacramental participation (29%), age of parishioners (26%) and demands on clergy (25%).
- Ministry priorities were connecting with young people and adults (50%) and deeper engagement of current parishioners (39%)
- Of the options presented, 35% strongly agreed/agreed with option 1 vs 20% for option 2. **Neither option was viewed favorably** with over 40% disagreeing with both options. Both groups felt the option they favored was better aligned with existing relationships. Both also cited that the models placed unrealistic demands on clergy as a weakness.

# Parishioner Feedback - Comments



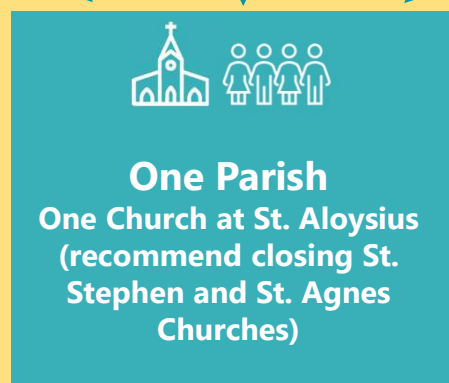
- **General Themes:**

- Lack of energy & vitality in a number of the parishes in the area. Need better preaching. Need to focus on evangelization and teaching the faith.
- Several comments expressed **concern about sustainability of parishes given aging population, even with changes shown.**
- **Significant concern over what happens to buildings.** If all kept will be too large a burden on priests. If not kept will alienate people.
- Feel misled RPRF is about restructuring and not evangelization. Parish leaders surprised.
- **Need to understand what will happen to schools** in these models.
- How will the Latino faithful be impacted. Need a coherent plan.
- **Change is hard but necessary.**

- **Parish/Grouping Specific:**

- **Lots of options offered in southernmost cluster with little consensus**
  - Keep St Mary Magdalene & St Aloysius together (some add St Cecilia or St Agnes)
- Distance between St Patrick and St Colman of Cloyne too large.
- Growth in St Joseph area not considered. Need new church completed. Others see St Joseph with Our Lady of Lourdes in Marysville.

# Round 2 DRAFT - Group 3 South



## Model A

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 1,780
- Multilingual Parish
- MSP currently serve St. Agnes & St. Stephen and have Missionary House for Men

### 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?

# Round 2 DRAFT - Group 3 South



## Model A

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 838
- Mercedarian Fathers currently serving at Holy Family

### 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?



# Round 2 DRAFT - Group 3 South



## Model A

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 181
- Multilingual Parish

### 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?

# Round 2 DRAFT - Group 3 South



## Model A

- **2021 Mass Attendance: 491**
- **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?

# Round 2 DRAFT - Group 3 South



## Model A

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 1,045

### 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?

# Round 2 DRAFT - Group 3 South



## Model B

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 676

### Questions for consideration

1. What unique aspects of the existing parishes need to be preserved in the new proposed model?
2. What are the strongest aspects about this proposed model?
3. What are the most challenging aspects about 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!**

