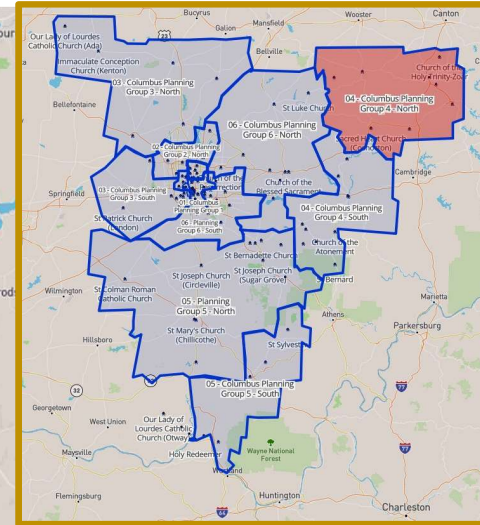
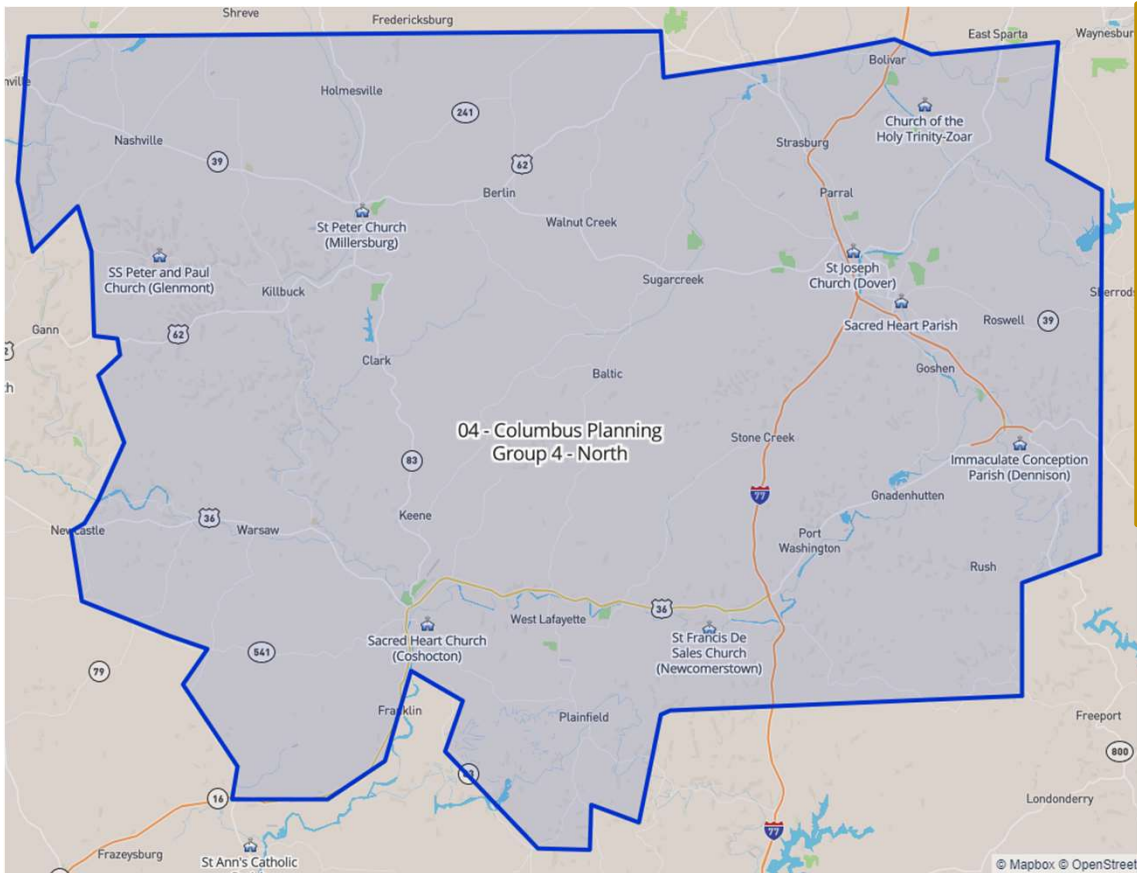


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Planning Group 4-North



Parishes & Mass Attendance



Mass Attendance *down 18%* in the Group

	2019	2021
St. Francis de Sales – Newcomerstown	59	54
Holy Trinity – Zoar	200	150
Immaculate Conception – Dennison	433	251
St. Joseph – Dover	859	756
St. Peter – Millersburg	94	97
Sts. Peter & Paul – Glenmont	38	25
Sacred Heart – Coshocton	299	253
Sacred Heart – New Philadelphia	614	542

Schools at Immaculate Conception Dennison (96), Sacred Heart Coshocton (87) and Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary (142)



Priest Feedback



- The 3 Priests in the group who responded **avored Option 1. They felt that 4 separate parishes in Tuscarawas would be difficult to sustain but acknowledged differences that will make a merger difficult in the short run.**
- 2 Priests outside the group favored Option 1.

Parishioner Feedback - General



- **90 respondents** (4% of mass attendance in 2021) with 63% female and 37% male. 71% of respondents were over 55 years of age. **St Peter - Millersburg had most respondents (23), followed by Holy Trinity – Zoar (20) and Sacred Heart – New Philadelphia (17).** Other parishes had only a few respond.
- Greatest concerns were demands on clergy and staff (37%); aging parishioners (29%) and declining sacramental participation (20%).
- Ministry priorities were connecting with young people and adults (42%) and further engaging existing parishioners (36%)
- **53% strongly agree/agree with option 1 vs 34% for option 2.** Basis was that option 1 builds better on existing relationships. There was significant concern related to distances and strains on clergy in responses to both options.

Parishioner Feedback - Comments



- **General Themes (not many comments):**

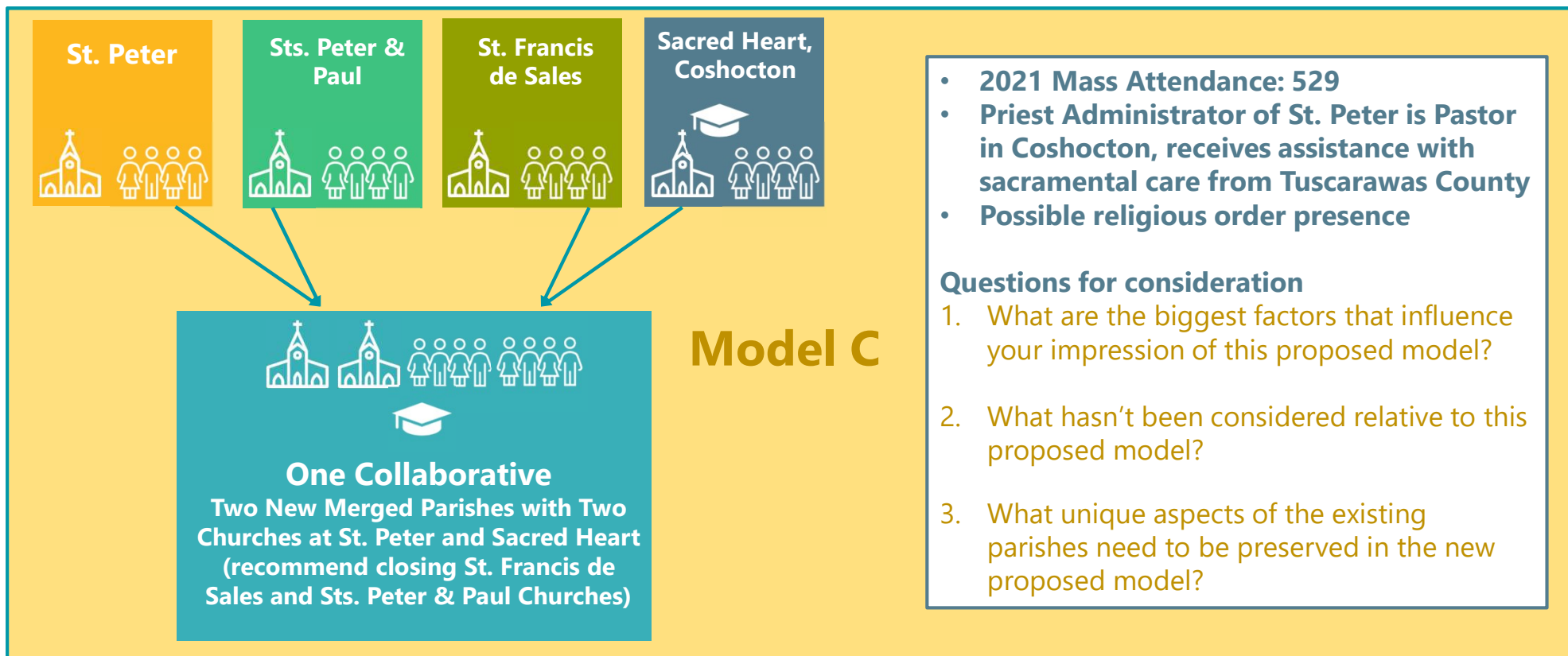
- **Distances** and difficulty with grouping parishes as a result is a comment repeated many times.
- **Keep parishes and buildings. Look at alternatives where priests shared across parishes and administration handled by Deacons or Lay.** Theme of needing more deacons included in these comments.
- Discontent among some over frequent changes of priest assigned.
- Several comments on need for Hispanic ministry in the area.
- A number of comments said that the current arrangement was working well and should not be changed.

- **Parish/Group Specific:**

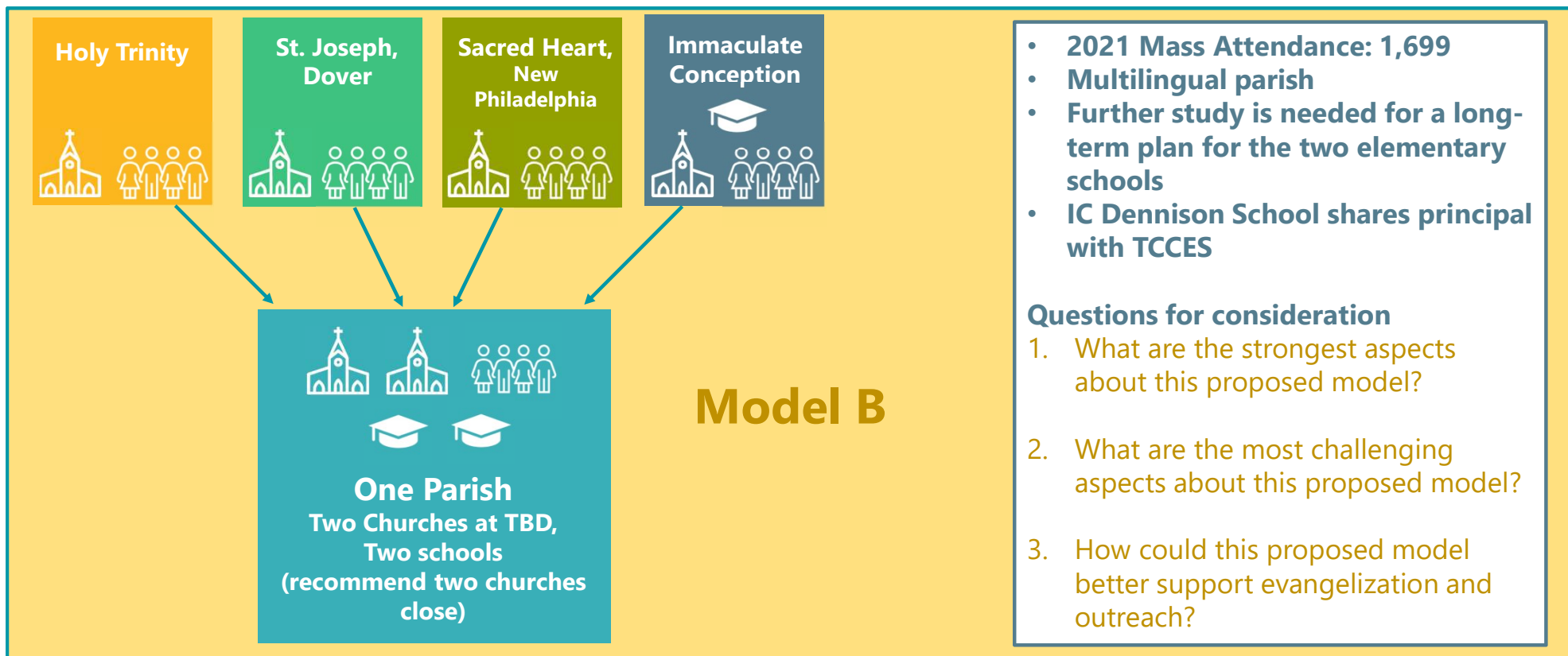
- Group St Luke – Danville with St Peter and Sts Peter & Paul



Round 2 DRAFT - Group 4 North



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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!

