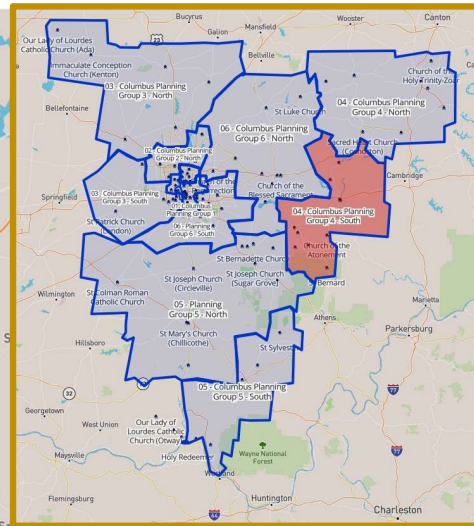
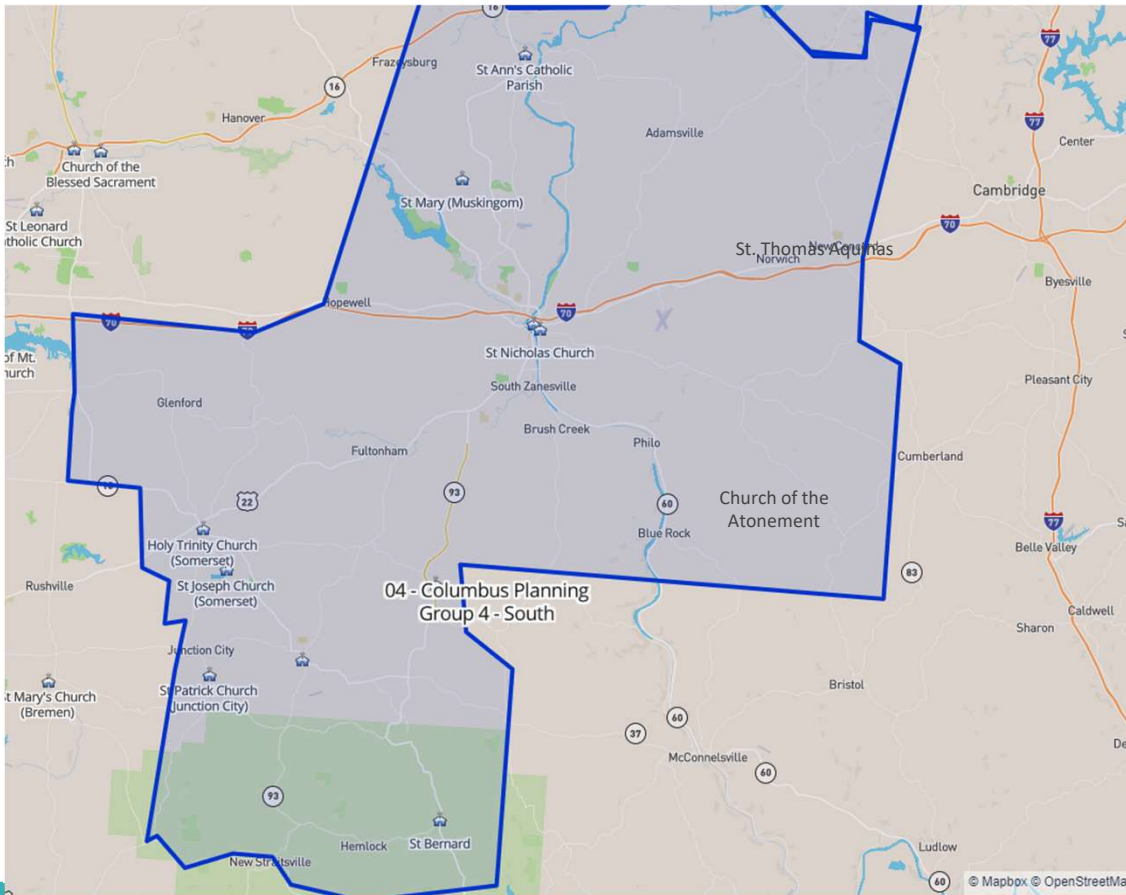


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Planning Group 4-South



Parishes & Mass Attendance



Mass Attendance *down 22%* in the Group

	2019	2021		2019	2021
St. Ann	142	118	St. Joseph – Somerset	117	103
St. Mary	162	114	St. Nicholas	605	435
St. Bernard	78	67	St. Patrick – Junction City	160	117
Church of the Atonement	88	71	St. Rose of Lima	307	234
Holy Trinity – Somerset	358	297	St. Thomas Aquinas	613	508

School at Holy Trinity (175). Bishop Fenwick Elementary (252) and Bishop Rosecrans High School are located in Zanesville.



Priest Feedback



- The 3 Priests in the group who responded **avored Option 1** and focused on the building closures needed.
- 3 Priests outside the group **avored Option 1**. They stressed two points.
 - The need to merge the parishes rather than group them in some other manner.
 - The “dislike” between the two Zanesville parishes is an issue.

Parishioner Feedback - General



- **136 respondents** (5% of mass attendance in 2021) with 59% female and 41% male. 79% of respondents were over 55 years of age. **St Thomas Aquinas had most respondents (35), followed by St Rose of Lima (26)** All other parishes had fewer than 15 respondents.
- Greatest concerns were aging parishioners (22%) and declining sacramental participation (19%). 25% said “Other” with a number of the comments centering on getting the roof at St Thomas repaired as the greatest concern.
- Ministry priorities were connecting with young people and adults (54%) and further engaging existing parishioners (31%)
- **45% strongly agreed/agreed with option 1 vs 22% for option 2** citing that option 1 built better on existing relationships. Comments related to the weakness of option 2 were focused on not splitting St Ann/St Mary as that option proposed. Other comments focused on not closing buildings.

Parishioner Feedback - Comments



- **General Themes:**

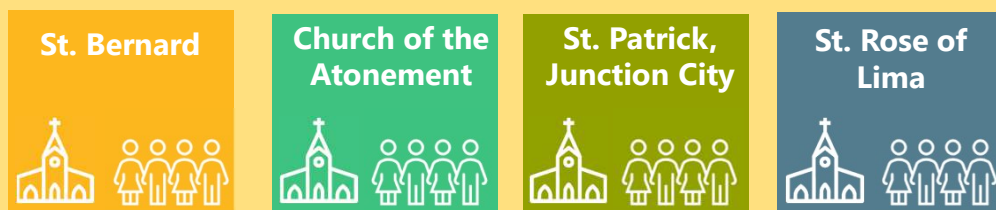
- There is a **lack of understanding as to what is meant by "group"**. Needs to be clarified. If it means sharing resources and collaborating then understand need. **If it means closing parishes particularly church buildings then reaction is very negative.** Concern for loss of tradition and identity.
- No discussion of root cause of decline in faithful and vocations. Models address the symptoms.
- Significant concern for demands on priests due to geography and different communities they would need to serve.

- **Parish/Group Specific:**

- **Large number of comments related to fixing St Thomas roof and keeping buildings open.**
- **Separating St Ann/St Mary makes no sense.** Alternate model of 2 Zanesville parishes together and St Ann/St Mary together.
- Include 2 Somerset parishes with Perry county consortium.
- Collaborate with Steubenville diocese re St Bernard coverage.



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One Parish
Two Churches at St. Patrick and St. Rose of Lima
(recommend closing Church of the Atonement and St. Bernard Church)

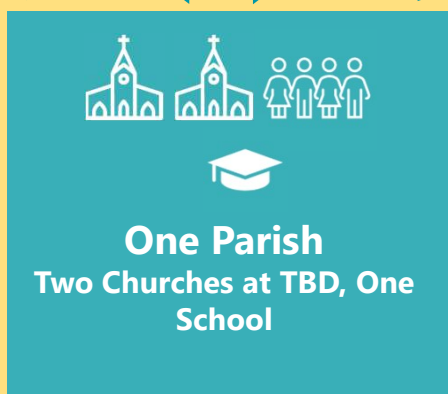
Model B

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 489
- Recommend St. Vincent DePaul ministry remains in Corning with new facility

Questions for consideration:

1. What are the biggest factors that influence your impression of this proposed model?
2. What hasn't been considered relative to this proposed model?
3. What unique aspects of the existing parishes need to be preserved in the new proposed model?

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Model B

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 1,176
- Preschool at St. Thomas moves to ES/HS campus
- Recommend 1 building north of I-70 and 1 building south of I-70

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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Holy Trinity



St. Joseph



Model C

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 400
- Dominican Fathers currently serving in Somerset

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!

