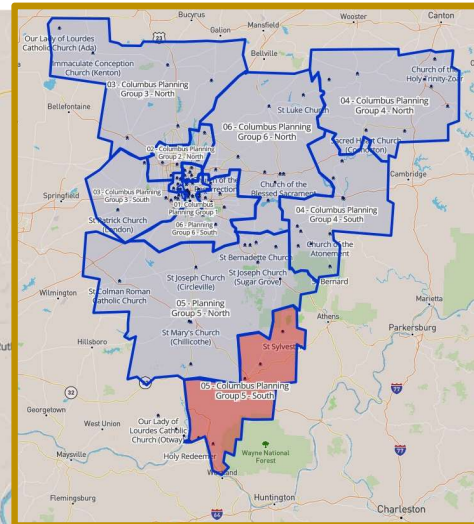
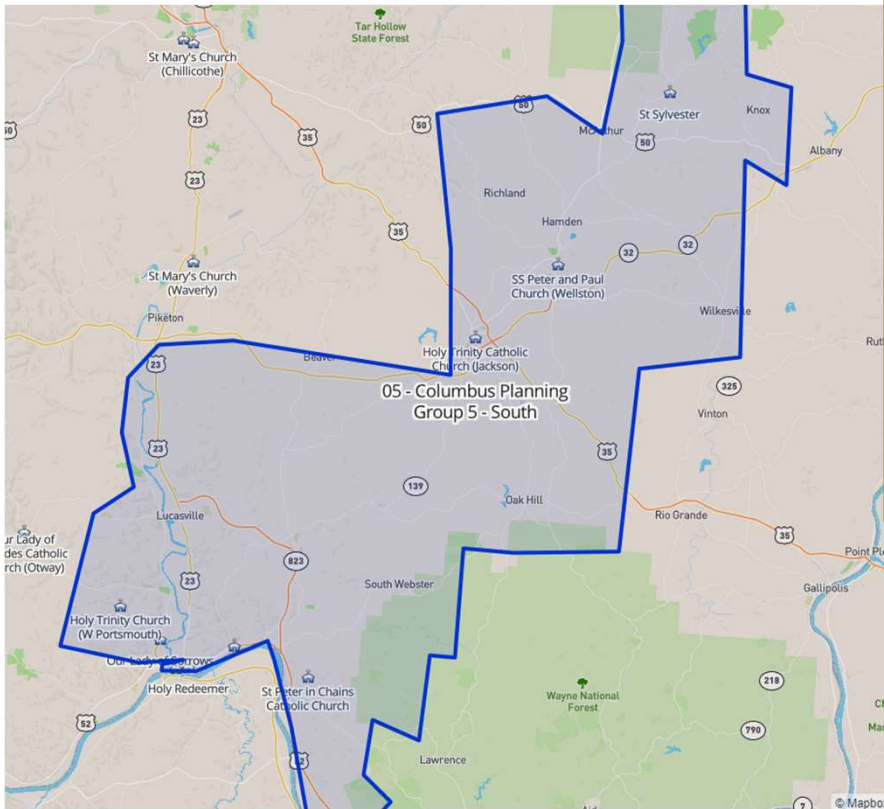


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Planning Group 5-South



Parishes & Mass Attendance



Mass Attendance *down 21%* in the Group

	2019	2021
Holy Redeemer	227	218
Holy Trinity – Jackson	97	83
Holy Trinity – West Portsmouth	42	48
St. Mary – Portsmouth	202	232
St. Peter in Chains	314	170
Sts. Peter & Paul – Wellston	136	60
St. Sylvester	57	43

Schools at Sts. Peter & Paul (73) and Notre Dame Elementary Portsmouth (208)



Priest Feedback



- No comments received from priests in the group.
- 3 Priests outside the group favored Option 1 with comment that groups be merged.



Parishioner Feedback - General



- **280 respondents** (33% of mass attendance in 2021) with 67% female and 33% male. 63% of respondents were over 55 years of age.
- Respondents were from **St Peter in Chains (99)**, followed by **Holy Redeemer (76)**, **St Mary – Portsmouth (75)**. Others had 10 or fewer responses.
- Greatest concerns were demands on clergy and staff (36%); declining sacramental participation (25%) and aging parishioners (13%).
- Ministry priorities were **further engaging existing parishioners (65%)** and fostering leadership stability (20%). There was also concern about reaching the young.
- **Neither option was favored** by respondents with 1/3 agreeing and 1/3 disagreeing. Significant concern about access to Sacraments/Eucharist and demands on priests.

Parishioner Feedback - Comments



- **General Themes:**

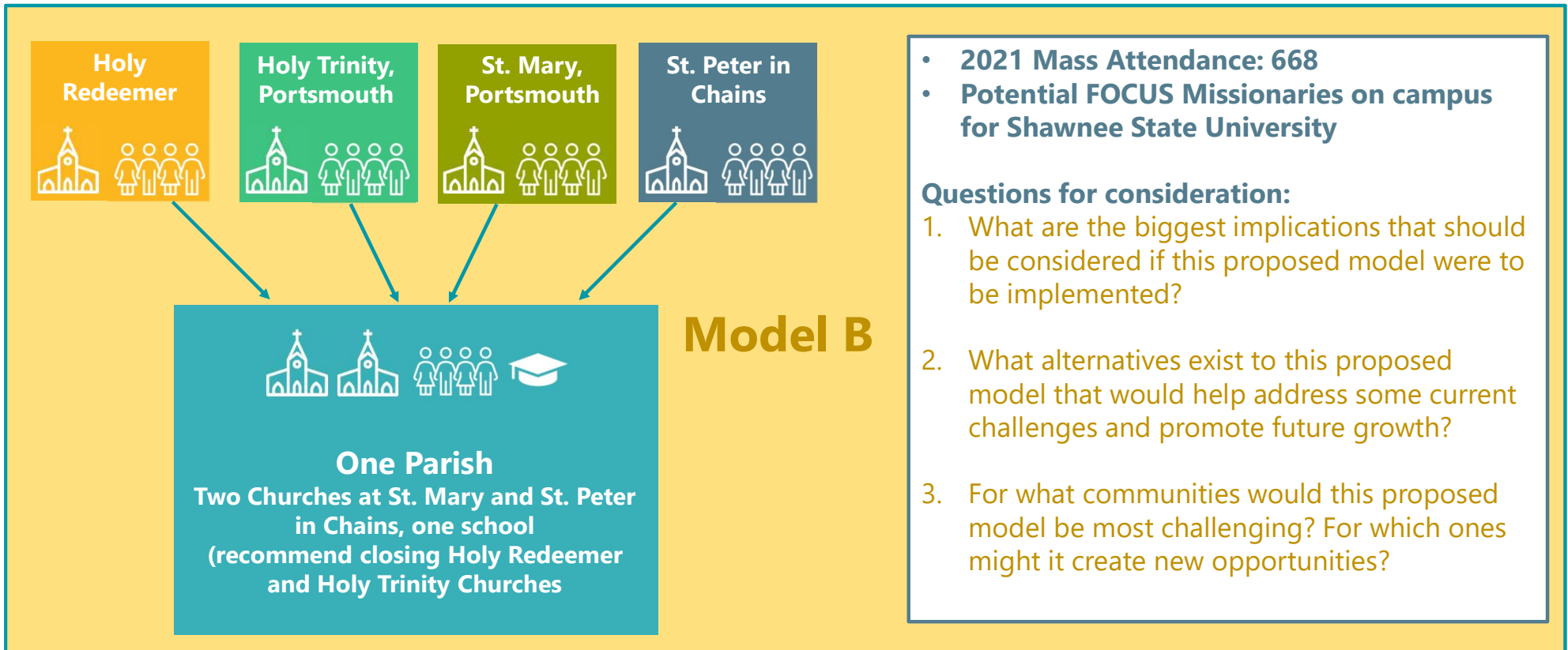
- Comments convey a **sense of hostility** towards Diocese and process. Overriding theme is “Stop meddling in our heritage.” “Give us good priests and leave us alone.” “We just went through changes and need time to adjust.”
- Many comments saying process lacks transparency and Diocese will just do what it wants anyway. Our churches are packed. Data is bad.
- **Merging parishes is not a good idea.** It hurts sense of community. Will just drive more people away. Use deacons or lay to administer. Increase the number of masses.

- **Parish/Group Specific:**

- **Keep the Scioto County consortium as is.**
- At a minimum keep the two main churches in Scioto County open (St Mary and Holy Redeemer)
- Merge St John – Logan with St Sylvester.
- Combine the two Portsmouth parishes and share a priest with St Peter in Chains.



Round 2 DRAFT - Group 5 South



- 2021 Mass Attendance: 668
- Potential FOCUS Missionaries on campus for Shawnee State University

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 B

- 2021 Mass Attendance: 186
- Possible religious order presence

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!

