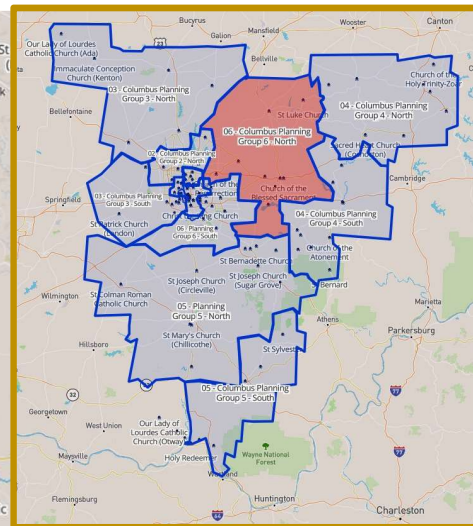
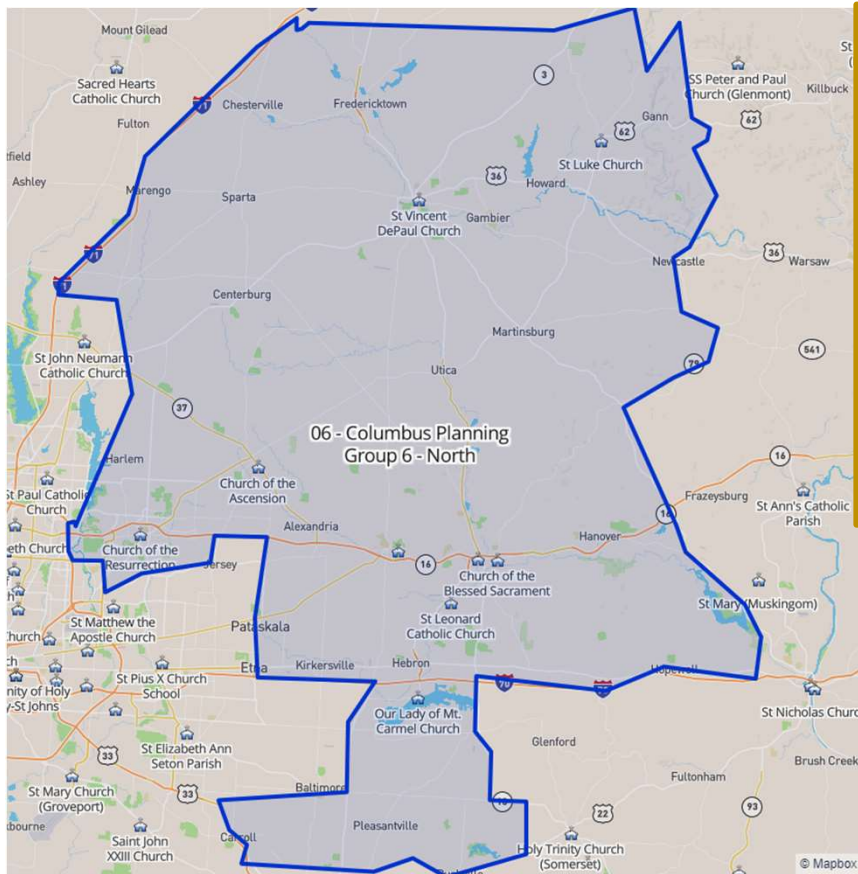


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Planning Group 6-North



Parishes & Mass Attendance



Mass Attendance *down 27%* in the Group

	2019	2021
Church of the Ascension	430	347
Church of the Resurrection	1,776	1,105
St. Edward the Confessor	882	558
St. Francis de Sales – Newark	952	939
St. Leonard	226	154

	2019	2021
St. Luke	255	212
Blessed Sacrament	623	542
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	383	250
St. Vincent de Paul	838	537

Schools at Blessed Sacrament (144), St Francis de Sales (223), and St Vincent de Paul (152)



Priest Feedback



- 5 priests in group commented. 3 specific to models. **No consensus.**
 - One preferred Option 1.
 - One preferred Option 2 but OK with Option 1. Suggests merging Newark parishes; make OLMC a mission of St Edward and make St Luke a mission of St Vincent de Paul.
 - One proposes alternative of St Francis DeSales/St Edward; Blessed Sacrament/St Leonard/Mt Carmel. Better for schools.
- One outside the group preferred Option 2

Parishioner Feedback - General



- **298 respondents** (8% of mass attendance in 2021) with 69% female and 31% male. 70% of respondents were over 55 years of age. Respondents were from **St Francis DeSales (105), Church of the Ascension (54), Church of the Resurrection (28) and Our Lady of Mt Carmel (22)**. Others had less than 20.
- Greatest concerns were demands on clergy and staff (41%) ;declining sacramental participation (24%) and aging parishioners (14%).
- Ministry priorities were outreach to young adults (45%), cultivating greater lay leadership (29%) and Deeper engagement of existing parishioners (24%). Also concern for reaching youth.
- **Neither option was favored** by respondents with 1/3 agreeing and 1/3 disagreeing. Positive responses focused on greater resources and building on existing relationships. Reasons cited for disagreement were differences between communities, distances and demands on clergy.

Parishioner Feedback - Comments



- **General Themes:**

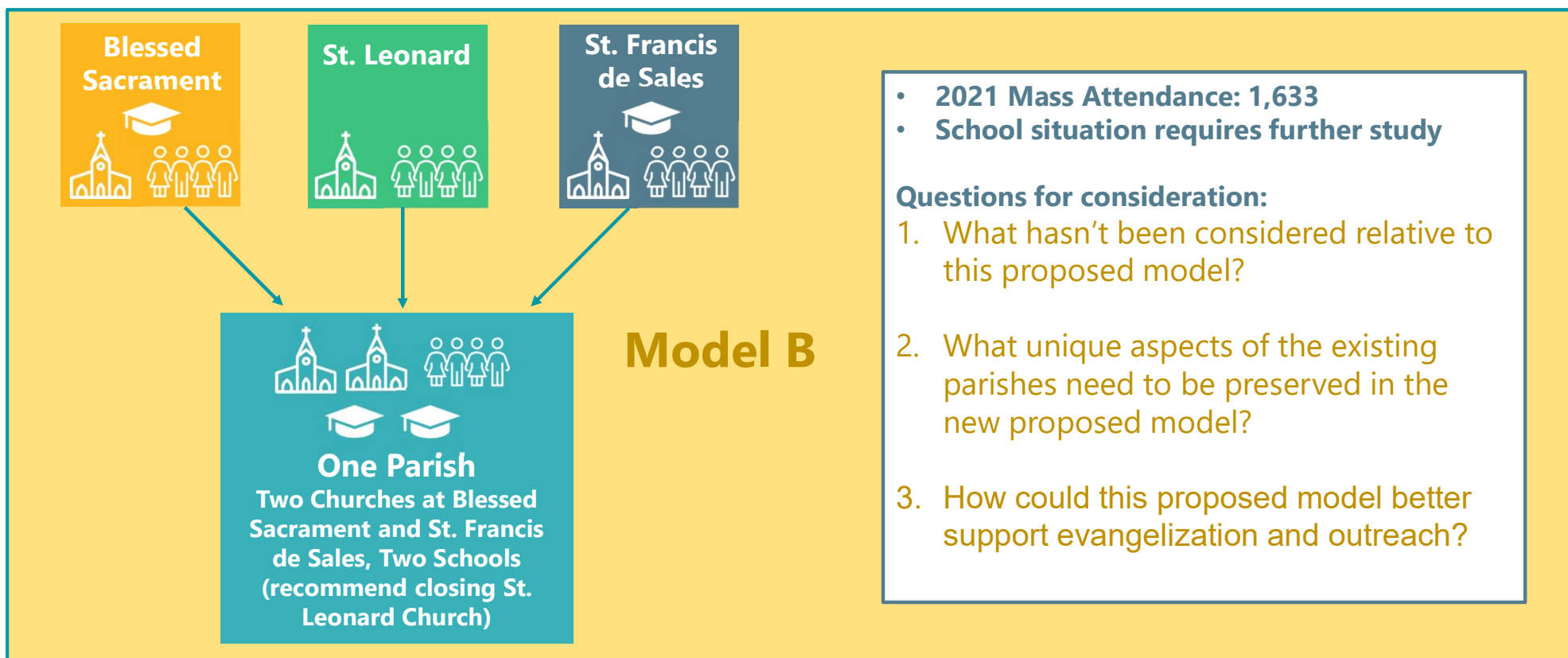
- There **needs to be an understanding of what grouping means** to be able to comment. **If closures or mergers of parishes will result, transparency is critical.** Some comments stressed closures were inevitable and long past due. Should have done 10-15 years earlier.
- A number of comments on ineffective parish leadership and outreach causing declining participation and finances.
- **Strain on priests and distances they need to cover is a concern.** Administering 3 parishes, particularly if one has a school is unrealistic.
- Alternative models that focus on lay leadership are critical.

- **Parish/Group Specific:**

- Several comments pairing Ascension with St Edwards as more logical.
- Finding common ground in some pairings will be difficult (eg. St Luke is a farming community & St VDP is affluent; Ascension & Resurrection)
- Make OL Mt Carmel a seasonal parish.
- Several alternative pairings mentioned:
 - St Leonard/Blessed Sacrament/St Francis
 - St Edward/St Leonard; Blessed Sacrament/OLMC; SVDP/St Luke
 - St Francis/St Leonard



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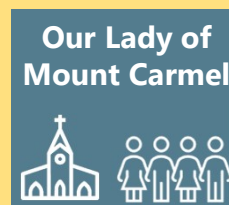
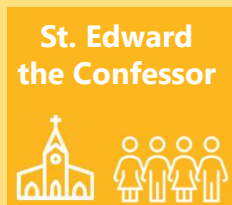


- 2021 Mass Attendance: 1,633
- School situation requires further study

Questions for consideration:

1. What hasn't been considered relative to this proposed model?
2. What unique aspects of the existing parishes need to be preserved in the new proposed model?
3. How could this proposed model better support evangelization and outreach?

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Model C

- **2021 Mass Attendance: 808**

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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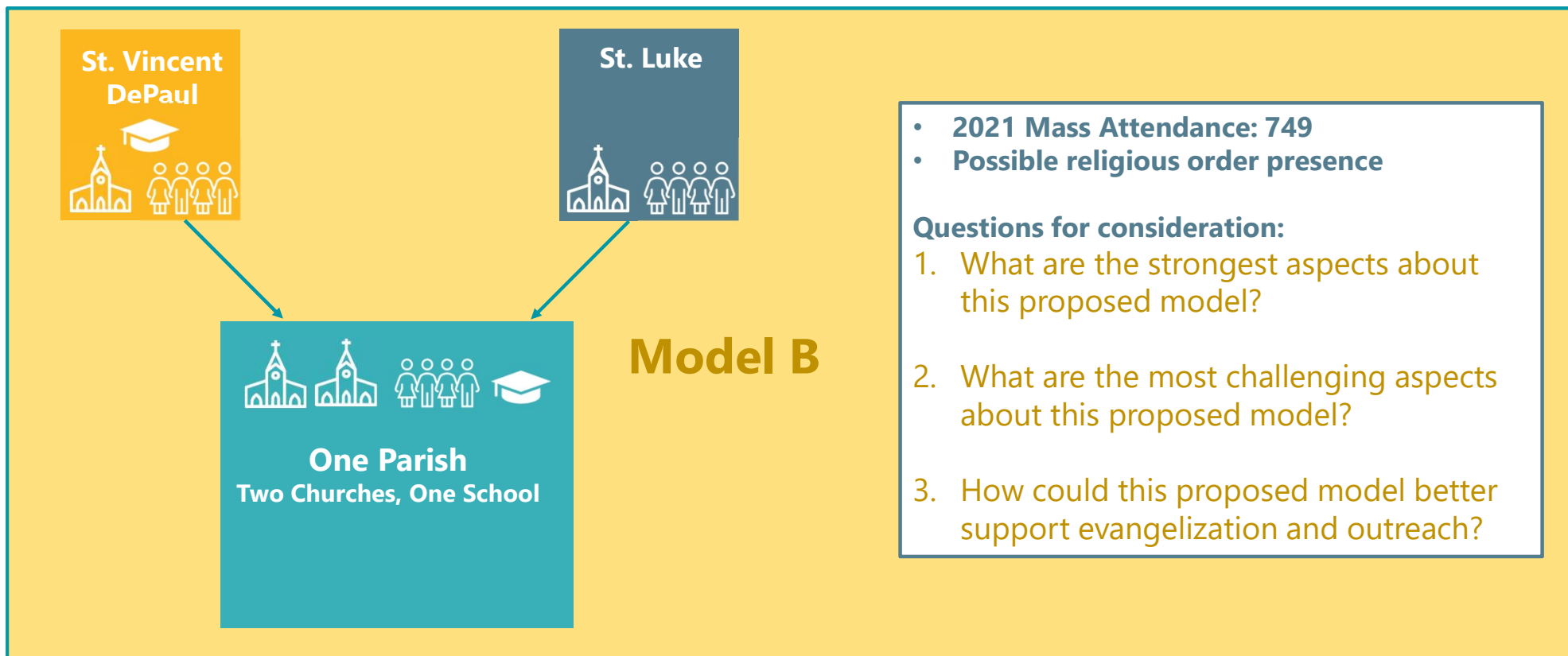
Model A

- **2021 Mass Attendance: 1,105**

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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- **2021 Mass Attendance: 749**
- **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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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!

