

CLUSTER 28 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

St. Joseph Parish, St. Patrick Parish, St. Pius X Parish, St. Brigid School

CLUSTER OFFICE AND BUILDING USE

Let me begin this report by thanking again all who participated in the town hall meeting a few weeks back and all those who have given me feedback in the interim on that meeting and other relative concerns.

As I have told you before, we are planning a consolidation of our offices into a single Cluster office as of July 1st of this year. In the coming weeks, I will be presenting to you our plan for how that office and the business of the Cluster will be organized. As a part of that re-organization, the Cluster Transition Committee and I have been looking carefully at our current office/residential space and making some determinations as to the best use of that resource going forward.

Here are some decisions that I have made thus far with the advice and approval of the Cluster Transition Committee:

- The Jesuit Community will continue to reside in the rectory at St. Pius X. This building is ideal for our current needs and its proximity to the Jesuits who work both on the Peninsula and at Cheverus High School is important: we are one community, though we live in three different houses.
- We will maintain a regular office presence at St. Pius X on weekdays, probably in the mornings.
- Although I will continue to divide my hours between all the parishes and school, my main office and small meeting space will be at St. Patrick. The rectory will continue to be utilized by the diocese for retired and working diocesan clergy.
- Again, we will maintain a regular office presence at St. Patrick on weekdays.
- The Cluster office will be located on the first floor of the St. Joseph Friary where the current St. Joseph Parish office is located. The proximity of this building to the school, the abundance of available space there, and its equidistance from the other two parishes make it the best choice as the center of our Cluster operation.
- At this time, I do not anticipate anyone residing at the Friary. The basement area will become a space for our Cluster records and archives as well as a storage area for supplies and materials as we work to manage these needs more centrally for all four institutions. Part of the first and second floors will be given for school use (teachers' room/office, meeting space, and perhaps part of the library). We also plan to have one or two meeting rooms upstairs for parish/cluster use.

Regarding changes to the Mass schedule: my intention now is to present a draft to you of the Cluster Mass schedule the weekend of February 27/28. On Sunday, March 14, I will host ***another town hall meeting at 2pm at St. Pius X*** to present an additional opportunity for us to have a conversation about this challenging issue and any other concerns you may have about the clustering process.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to communicate with me (lafortainesj@live.com) or one of the other committee members if at any time you have input you wish to share – you can call your parish or school office for contact information. Please continue to keep us and this process in your prayers.

- Fr. Jim Lafontaine