

## Cluster 28 Transition Committee

As you know, we have worked hard to communicate transparently with you these past months about our work in bringing the school and parishes together into a single cluster. Thus far, however, our communication has been mostly one-way – we have presented these regular written reports to you. While we have invited individual response and feedback from you, something that is always welcome, we are aware of the need to provide some more public forums where we can meet with groups of parishioners and parents to allow questions and concerns to be raised more directly. As we have already noted, we plan to hold a town hall meeting, probably in early February, for interested parties in all four institutions to come together and discuss the mass schedule which will need to be adjusted to allow for fewer priests.

At our last meeting, we also decided that during the month of January, members of this committee will attend the Pastoral Council meetings of the three parishes and the School Board meeting so that those leadership groups can participate in our planning for the transition. As we continue to plan more concretely how the cluster will be structured, we hope to have additional focus group meetings at all sites to allow for more direct communication with us about specific issues of the transition. Possible topics for these focus groups might include the organization of the business and pastoral offices, religious education, the appropriate use of our buildings and properties, repair and maintenance issues, and the spiritual nourishment and re-evangelization of our community. We hope many of you will use these opportunities to join the conversation.

In our ongoing effort to communicate with you in a regular and transparent manner about our planning, we will continue utilize the bulletin, school news notes/letter, and websites as our first means of our communication. If at any time you have input you wish to share, please feel free to speak with one of the committee members – you can call your parish or school office for contact information. Please continue to keep us and this process in your prayers.