

Clustering - Third Meeting of Cluster
Pastoral Planning Committee

Purpose:

review the first draft of the *Plan for Clustering*
identify and address impact on parishes

Participants: Episcopal Vicar, Cluster Pastoral Planning Committee, Director of Pastoral Planning

Agenda

1. Welcome, Opening Prayer, and Introductions
2. Review first draft of *Plan for Clustering*
3. Revise if necessary
4. Discuss impact on parishes and readiness to address them
5. Review process for approval
6. Recommend plan to Parish Councils for approval

Next meeting: Date: _____ Place: _____ Time: _____

Prayer Leader: _____

7. Tasks to be completed by next meeting:

Plan for Clustering to be approved by all Parish Councils

Parish vs. Parochialism

Parochialism is wary of “others”;
a parish welcomes them.
Parochialism separates us from “them”;
a parish unites us with them.
Parochialism closes us in;
a parish opens us out.
Parochialism forms a club;
a parish fosters community.
parochialism sows suspicions;
a parish promotes respect.
Parochialism segregates and excludes;
a parish incorporates and includes.
Parochialism constricts and confines;
a parish expands and overflows.
Parochialism would have us dig in;
a parish bids us to reach out.
Parochialism is self-centered and self-serving;
a parish is self-effacing in its service.
Parochialism preaches: “Only for us!”
a parish should be magnanimous.
When, therefore, worshipers are concerned
only about their own interests,
they are guilty of parochialism.
If, however, our interest is
in the concerns of others,
we form a true parish.

Walter J. Niebrzydowski