

Presentation to Bishop Rozanski by the Catholic Parishes of Northern Anne Arundel County

St. Philip Neri



Crucifixion



St. Bernadette



**Catholic Parishes
of Northern
Anne Arundel
County**

Good Shepherd

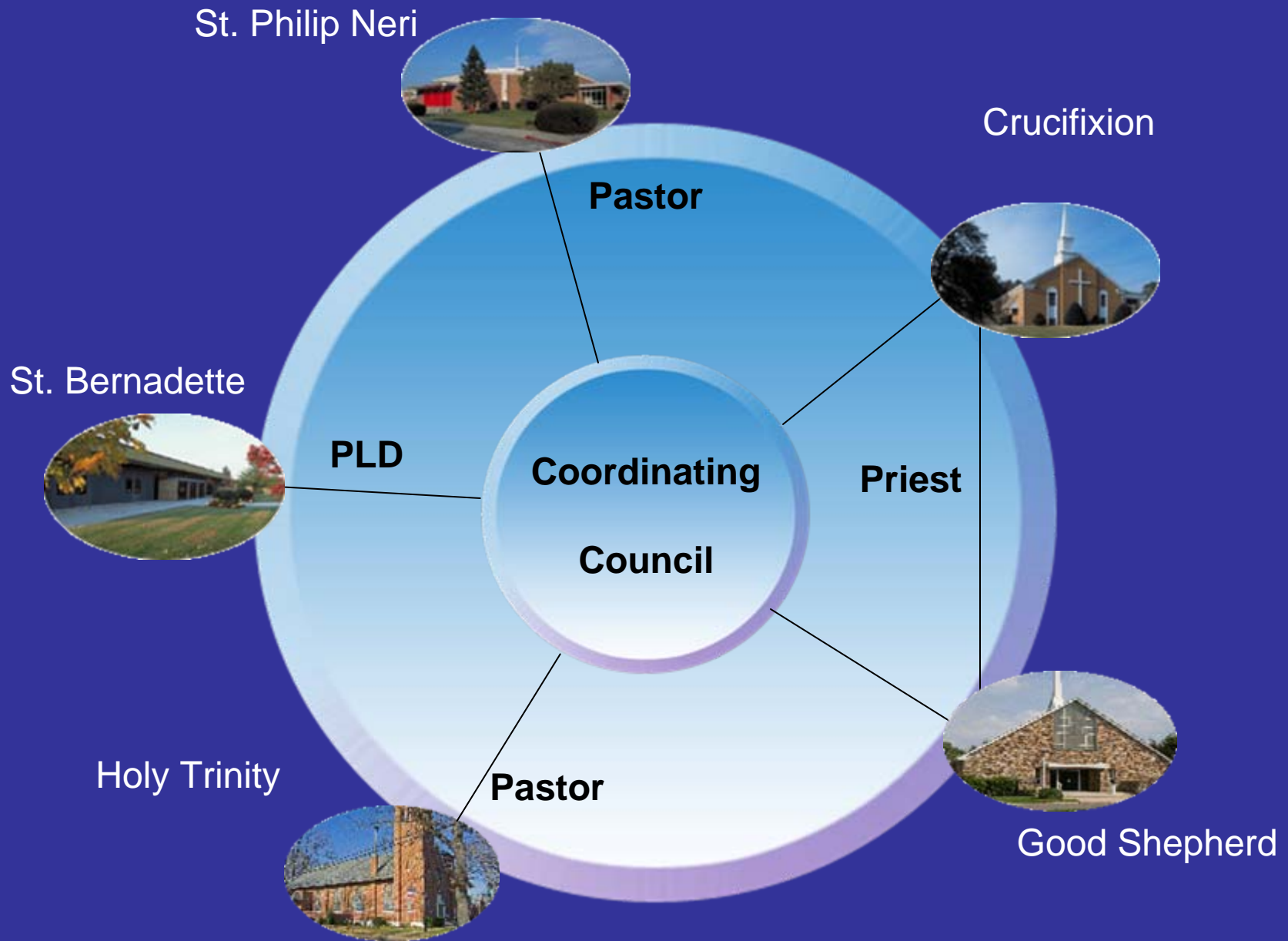


Holy Trinity



May 5, 2008

Parish Cluster Model



Strategic Goal Number One

The Eucharist will be celebrated in each parish every weekend and among the five parishes during the week through a coordinated schedule to be distributed throughout the cluster.

- **General**

The cluster depends on visiting priests and priests in residence to maintain its schedule of Masses—as these numbers decline, changes in the Mass schedules should follow.

- **Weekday Masses**

A detailed recommendation on weekday schedules depends on the cluster model that is adopted. There should be some weekday Masses at each parish.

- **Sunday Masses**

It is possible to reduce the Sunday Mass schedule now, but we should plan for continued population growth. Changes in Sunday Mass schedules are not required immediately, but will be needed within 5 years.

Strategic Goal Number Two

Opportunities for spiritual deepening and enrichment will be provided throughout the Cluster, e.g., Adoration, devotions, prayer groups, study groups and other faith expressions.

- The group was not able to convene to generate a report due to inadequate staffing. It was suggested that the Coordinating Council be charged with the action/resolution.

Strategic Goal Number Three

When appropriate and necessary, sacrament preparation and celebrations will be shared and coordinated among the five parishes through joint programming and staffing with consideration given to numbers of persons involved and space accommodations. Parishes having effective ministries and programs, that work well and have adequate staffing, paid and/or volunteer, may continue them in their parish.

- **Sacrament Preparation**

- ✓ Coordinate:

- Parish Calendars
- Staffing/Volunteers
- Educational preparation

- **Sacrament Celebration**

- ✓ Confirmation-combined as needed
- ✓ All other sacraments—parish specific

Strategic Goal Number Four

When appropriate and necessary, adult, youth and young adult faith formation opportunities will be Cluster-wide and will be planned, coordinated and hosted among the five parishes. Parishes having effective ministries and programs, that work well and have adequate staffing, paid and/or volunteer, may continue them in their parish.

- We recommend Marriage Sponsor Couples, Outreach, RCIA, Young Adult Groups, and Youth Groups consider clustering resources.
Members of the goal group will meet with leaders from each parish so they can consider ways of clustering.
- We recommend publicizing many faith formation opportunities that are hosted by individual parishes.
Coordinating Council will have list of contacts and will help publicize information using bulletins, web site, etc.

Strategic Goal Number Five

The five parishes composing the Catholic Parishes of NAAC will design and commit to specific actions to search out, invite, train and use lay leaders.

- The group was not able to convene to generate a report due to inadequate staffing. It was suggested that the Coordinating Council be charged with the action/resolution.

Strategic Goal Number Six

The Cluster will commit to planning and initiating formalized endeavors to foster Church vocations to priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and lay ecclesial ministry.

- Vocations Awareness Committee meets quarterly at Holy Trinity - all parishes in cluster have been invited and encouraged to attend. Thus far, committee consists of 6 active lay members from Holy Trinity, Father Bruce Jarboe, Pastor Holy Trinity and Deacon Ernest Cibelli, Holy Trinity, and one lay member from Crucifixion.
- Focus has been on Archdiocesan sponsored events for young men and women. Goal is to increase awareness of the discernment process. We have had attendees at MIB basketball game, VIP Day, Convent Hopping, Dinner with the Archbishop, Discernment retreat, Chrism Mass, Taste and See (a Holy Trinity dinner held at the rectory). We will continue with these offerings.
- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations held each month at Holy Trinity Church, as well as every Tuesday 10:00 - 4:00 in the Parish Center Gethsemane Room.

Strategic Goal Number Seven

The Cluster will develop a broad-based network for communication including, but not limited to, a jointly published Catholic Parishes of NAAC bulletin to be used in every parish and a Catholic Parishes of NAAC website.

- A cluster-wide bulletin cover sheet will be distributed to the parishes into which parish bulletins will be inserted on a periodic basis (monthly / quarterly).
- A proposal for deployment of a cluster website has been submitted.
- The initial development of the cluster website has been completed and it is temporarily located as a sub-domain of the Good Shepherd website. The URL is www.cpnaac.goodshepherdgb.org.

Strategic Goal Number Eight

The Cluster will plan opportunities for building community among the five parishes through one annual “Celebration of the Catholic Parishes of North Anne Arundel County.”

- To provide a time and place apart from any one parish to encourage camaraderie among all parishioners.
- To foster greater awareness among the five parishes on what each parish does.
- The first event is an outing to the Bowie Baysox on Friday, August 8, 2008 at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$5, and members of the music ministries from each parish are forming an ensemble to perform the National Anthem. Watch for a flyer in your parish bulletin.

Strategic Goal Number Nine

When appropriate and necessary, the Cluster will expand and/or combine all parish ministries and programs and will implement new ministries as needed in service to the Catholic Parishes of Northern Anne Arundel County. Parishes having effective ministries and programs, that work well and have adequate staffing, paid and/or volunteer, may continue them in their parish.

- What We Can Do Now:
 - ✓ Create Ministry Brochures
 - ✓ Share Unique Ministries
 - ✓ Use Cluster Website to Share Ministry Information
- Long -Term Actions:
 - ✓ Involve all Parishes in Ministry Brainstorming
 - ✓ Proceed Slowly at Combining Ministries

Strategic Goal Number Ten

The parish pastors and PLD's assigned to the cluster will work together to assure good pastoral and sacramental care for all five parishes.

- Coordinating Council Purpose
 - ✓ Provide a coordinating resource and inter-parish forum for cluster leadership
- Coordinating Council Function
 - ✓ Assist in the coordination of joint functions
 - ✓ Assist in overseeing the implementation of the 10 goals
 - ✓ Provide a forum to reconcile joint issues
- Coordinating Council Membership
 - ✓ Three representatives from each parish
- Coordinating Council Leadership
 - ✓ Facilitator
 - ✓ Co-Facilitator
 - ✓ Recorder