

**CLUSTER REPORT:
THE SIXTH MEETING OF
THE CLUSTER PLANNING AND COORDINATION TEAM**

The sixth meeting of the Cluster Planning Team (CPT) of the six Euclid Parishes convened December 17, 2007 at St. Paul. Chairperson Mary Muehle (St. Felicitas) presided, assisted by John Kelleher (Facilitator).

The major portion the meeting was devoted to reports by the subcommittees, most of which met during the interval since the last CPT meeting.

The report from the subcommittee on **Schools** led to the most meaningful discussion of this meeting. Fr. McNeil told the CPT that he had written Bishop Lennon and other diocesan offices about his intention to close St. Robert school at the end of the current school year. The subcommittee, of which the principals of all schools in the cluster are members, took a united stand about welcoming St. Robert students into the three schools remaining open. The three schools – Holy Cross, St. Felicitas, St. William – will hold Open Houses and arrange shadowing for St. Robert families and students. March 1 will be the common registration deadline at all three schools. The short term goal is that every Catholic student now enrolled at St. Robert, wishing to continue a Catholic education at a Euclid Catholic school will be accommodated.

Subsequent to this CPT meeting, meetings were held at each school (January 9) to inform parents of the closing of St. Robert school at the end of this school year, and of how students can make the smoothest possible transition to another Euclid Catholic school for next year. For more on this subject, please refer to the letter published in parish Sunday bulletins for the weekend of January 12-13.

Long term goals of the subcommittee include the study of demographics, facilities and financial projections to determine how best to continue offering high quality Catholic elementary education in the cluster area.

The **Ministry and Staffing** subcommittee will postpone *staffing* considerations until pastoral needs are identified. Numerous pastoral needs were identified. Next to be studied is which of these needs can be met only by a priest; which can be shared.

The committee recommends that each parish *publish* Mass, Confession, communal anointing, and Eucharistic Adoration schedules for all six parishes. Also recommended is that during Lent, Reconciliation times be published and coordinated beyond Saturdays for all parishes.

The **Evangelization** subcommittee proposed a short term goal for this time of transition and change: to retain the parishioners that we now have. In the longer term, attention needs to focus on building community, sharing activities, devising a common event calendar, and advertising parish events in each others bulletins.

The **Finance** subcommittee is studying the financial reports of each parish so as to understand variations in reporting practices. The objective is to make sure apples are being compared to apples.

Each parish plant has been assessed by a group from Catholic Charities. However, since the reports, which were expected for early December, had not been received, the Facilities committee did not meet or report.

The next meeting will convene on January 21, 2007 at St. Christine.