

Town Meeting
For Pastoral Planning
“Called To Be Church”
PLAN ON ATTENDING

Troy Local Planning Group 1, made up of St. Peter’s, St. Patrick’s, St. Paul’s, St. Augustine’s, Our Lady of Victory and Christ, Sun of Justice parishes, are responsible to bring their deliberations and planning process to a close this month, presenting their proposals and planning details to Bishop Hubbard. Diocesan officials and committees will review these plans from us and from all over the diocese over the summer and early fall. Bishop Hubbard and his councils will then review and deliberate these reports and associated information, putting together a picture of the whole diocese. The bishop’s decisions will be published in January.

In order to bring the results of our local planning group’s work to the people of our parishes, there will be an open ***“TOWN MEETING”*** for parishioners on Thursday, June 12th at 7pm. This Town Meeting will be held at Saint Augustine’s Church, Fourth Avenue at 115th Street. The Town Meeting will allow for open discussion, questions and answers, and input from parishioners prior to making the final report.

The Local Planning Group has developed a new **parish configuration** for our group. The configuration (if implemented by the bishop) would be take place in three phases over a five year period, beginning in the spring of 2009..

Committees of the local planning group dealing with **‘Evangelization’, ‘Life-long Formation including Sacramental Preparation,’ ‘Prayer & Worship,’ ‘Christian Service’ and ‘Church Administration’** have met and worked extensively and zealously to develop plans to carry on these works of the Church’s mission , the work of Christ, within the new configuration, so that our people and resources will be best utilized.

A necessary presumption throughout the process has been that ultimately there will be (only) two priests serving this new configuration.

The first phase of the proposed new configuration, which would be implemented by the spring of 2009, includes these three elements: that Christ Sun of Justice and Our Lady of Victory would be **linked** in many common efforts; that St. Peter’s, St. Patrick’s and St. Paul’s would be **merged** into a single parish with a single worship site; and that this merged parish would be **linked** with St. Augustine’s in many common efforts.

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At Saint Augustine’s
7pm Thursday, June 12th
For all of Troy Planning Group 1