



To: All priests in Vicariate III  
CC: All principals in Vicariate III, vicariate team members, Very Rev. Ronald Hicks  
From: Most Rev. Alberto Rojas, Rev. Robert Lombardo, Rev. John Waiss, Rev. Thomas Cima, Rev. Lawrence Dowling, and Rev. Donald Nevins  
Date: January 13, 2017  
Subject: *Renew My Church* groupings

Dear Fathers,

Our greetings in Christ to you. Thank you for your continued input as we have been discerning the groupings for *Renew My Church*. We are grateful for the time and wisdom your leaders have provided in their feedback on the grouping proposals and your patience in waiting for confirmation of the groupings. The vicariate team has reviewed the feedback and is pleased to provide you with the final groupings, which are listed beginning on page 2. All feedback was considered in determining final groupings, however, not every suggestion or concern could be addressed.

To ensure everyone in the Archdiocese is informed and has a common understanding of the groupings, Cardinal Cupich is asking that all parishes share the groupings with parishioners the weekend of Jan. 21-22. A letter from Cardinal Cupich to be read at Masses will be distributed to you in a separate communication on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Talking points and frequently asked questions are attached to help you prepare to communicate to your parish.

Also attached is a memo in which Fathers Jason Malave and Don Nevins have provided guidance for what “to do” and what “not to do” within a grouping until the grouping begins the facilitated discernment and planning process. The schedule of when each grouping will begin the facilitated discernment and planning process is in development. For nearly all groupings, it will be many months or more before beginning the process. For now, focus on building relationships and initial collaboration, following the guidelines in the enclosed memo from Fathers Malave and Nevins.

Please contact us or the *Renew My Church* team ([RenewMyChurch@archchicago.org](mailto:RenewMyChurch@archchicago.org)) if you have any questions about what type of activities are best suited for this stage.

We are grateful for the many ways you shepherd the people of God in our Archdiocese. Count on our prayers and blessing as we move into the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alberto Rojas".

Deans of Vicariate III

Enclosures: Grouping Dos and Donts; *Renew My Church* Talking points-FAQs



*Renew My Church Groupings – Vicariate III*

III-A

Grouping of:

- Maternity B.V.M (parish and school)
- Mission of Our Lady of the Angels
- St. Francis of Assisi – Kostner Ave
- St. Philomena

Grouping of:

- Our Lady of Grace (parish and school)
- St. Hyacinth Basilica
- St. John Berchmans (parish and school)
- St. Sylvester (parish and school)

Combination Vic II / Vic III / Vic IV

Grouping of:

- Resurrection
- St. Andrew (parish and school)
- St. Benedict - Chicago (parish and school)
- St. Edward (parish and school)
- Immaculate Heart of Mary

Combination Vic III / Vic IV

Grouping of:

- St. Wenceslaus
- St. Viator (parish and school)
- St. Bartholomew (parish and school)

III-A/B

Grouping of:

- St. Helen (parish and school)
- St. Mark
- Holy Rosary
- St. Malachy + Precious Blood (parish and school)
- St. Stephen King of Hungary
- Holy Innocents
- Santa Maria Addolorata



III-B

Grouping of:

- St. Aloysius
- Holy Trinity Polish Mission
- St. Hedwig
- St. John Cantius
- St. Mary of the Angels (parish and school)
- St. Stanislaus Kostka (parish and school)

III-C

Grouping of:

*Sub-grouping\*:*

- All-Saints- St. Anthony
- St. Therese (parish and school)

*Sub-grouping\*:*

- Nativity of Our Lord
- St. Gabriel (parish and school)
- Bridgeport Catholic Academy

*Sub-grouping\*:*

- Santa Lucia-Santa Maria Incoronata (parish and school)
- St. Jerome Croatian (parish and school)

*Sub-grouping\*:*

- St. Barbara – Throop St. (parish and school)
- St. Mary of Perpetual Help

The SPRED Ministry at St. John Nepomucene is also included in this grouping.

\*The facilitated discernment and planning process will include all parishes within the grouping, but be structured to allow each sub-grouping to have focused discussions. This is to recognize that parishes within a sub-grouping are in closer proximity or have a stronger affiliation with each other. Planning and collaboration, however, will occur in context of the entire grouping.

Grouping of:

- Five Holy Martyrs
- Immaculate Conception -44<sup>th</sup> St.
- Our Lady of Fatima
- St. Pancratius
- St. Simon the Apostle
- Pope John Paul II School

Grouping of:

- Holy Cross-Immaculate Heart of Mary
- St. Joseph
- St. Michael the Archangel



III-D

Grouping of:

- Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica
- St. Agatha
- St. Martin de Porres
- St. Angela School

Note that Chicago Jesuit Academy and Christ the King College Prep could be added to the grouping's discussions

Grouping of:

- Children of Peace School
- Holy Family – Roosevelt Road
- Notre Dame de Chicago
- Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii
- UIC Newman Center

Note that the Jesuits / St. Ignatius would need to be involved in this grouping's conversation.

Combination Vic II / Vic III

Grouping of:

- Old St. Mary's (parish and school)
- Old St. Patrick's
- St. Peter's in the Loop
- Holy Name Cathedral
- Assumption - Illinois St.

III-E

Grouping of:

*Sub-grouping\*:*

- Assumption B.V.M.
- Our Lady of Tepeyac (parish and school)
- St. Roman

*Sub-grouping\*:*

- Epiphany (parish and school)
- Good Shepherd
- St. Agnes of Bohemia (parish and school)

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Grouping of:

- Blessed Sacrament

Grouping of:

- St. Paul (including church sites of St. Ann and St. Adalbert, and St. Ann school)
- St. Pius V (parish and school)
- St. Procopius (including church site of Providence of God and St. Procopius school)
  - St. Francis of Assisi – Roosevelt Road - would have a particular collaboration connection with St. Procopius