

ST. PETER'S/ST. RICHARD'S CLUSTERING

Here are the facts as we know them.

- ◆ **St. Peter's will be clustering with St. Richard's Church** as part of the Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Initiative.
- ◆ **St. Peter's and St. Richard's parishes are NOT merging.**
- ◆ **Neither St. Peter's nor St. Richard's parish is CLOSING.**
- ◆ **Clustering does NOT lead to a merger of parishes.** There is no hidden plan to merge the parishes after clustering. All current plans involving structural changes in the Archdiocese have been made public.
- ◆ **St. Peter's and St. Richard's parishes will BOTH retain their parish status,** this includes basic organizational structure, parish-identity, and monetary and structural assets; and both will continue to celebrate Mass and the sacraments.
- ◆ **St. Peter's and St. Richard's parishes will eventually SHARE one pastor.** The shared pastor has not yet been identified.
- ◆ **A total of 33 parishes in the Archdiocese will be clustered with other parishes** (25% of parishes in our archdiocese are already clustered). Additionally, the plan calls for merging 21 parishes in the Archdiocese with other parishes.
- ◆ **Blessed Trinity Catholic School will continue to thrive** and is designated as a school that receives special support from the Archdiocese. This support helps to serve the poor by providing the opportunity for a Catholic education.
- ◆ **Assumption parish will have no structural changes.**
- ◆ **Open meetings will be held so that questions and concerns regarding the clustering of St. Peter's and St. Richard's may be addressed.** Meetings will be held at both parishes, but have not yet been scheduled.
- ◆ **Clustered parishes may eventually share some staff and programming**—further building on the collaboration that already exists between the two parishes.
- ◆ **St. Peter's will continue its long range planning work.** Goals that have been identified will continue to be worked on in order of priority.
- ◆ **Any changes that result from decisions made about St. Peter's cluster with St. Richard's Church will not take effect until July 1, 2013** – over two years from now.
- ◆ **Your continued support of our Parish in prayer and in stewardship of your time, talent & treasure** will help bring our family of faith together in preparation for clustering with St. Richard's.

***St. Peter's is a "rock solid" parish, and will continue all of its programs and activities as planned.
ST. PETER'S REMAINS A VIBRANT PARISH IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION!***