

# Timeline of the Archdiocesan Planning Process

Dear Friends in Christ,

In your parish bulletin last month, you received an insert which explained to you my thoughts regarding the Archdiocesan Planning Process currently underway, as well as the principles by which we will proceed. This month, I wish to give you a proposed timetable for this process as we begin consultation meetings. We intend to make every attempt to ensure that all voices are heard in the coming months. I thank you for your participation in this effort as well as for your prayers for its success.

With every good wish, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt  
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

## Consultation: Voices of the Archdiocese

April, 2009

### Introduction of Planning Process to Priests

Concept of planning and reorganization introduced to pastors, including conversations about how parishes might collaborate.

May to  
October, 2009

### Priest Meetings by Deanery Begin

Priests will be presented with Parish Self Study reports and other information. The information will help them to produce a proposal for the future of each deanery.

July to  
October, 2009

### Regional Parish Leadership Meetings

Pastors and key parish leadership (trustees, pastoral council chair members and finance council chair members) will examine the current reality and will engage in discussion.

August to  
October, 2009

### Archdiocesan Coalition of Ministry Association Meetings

These meetings will provide opportunities for consultation and discussion with parish staff members in their ministry groups.

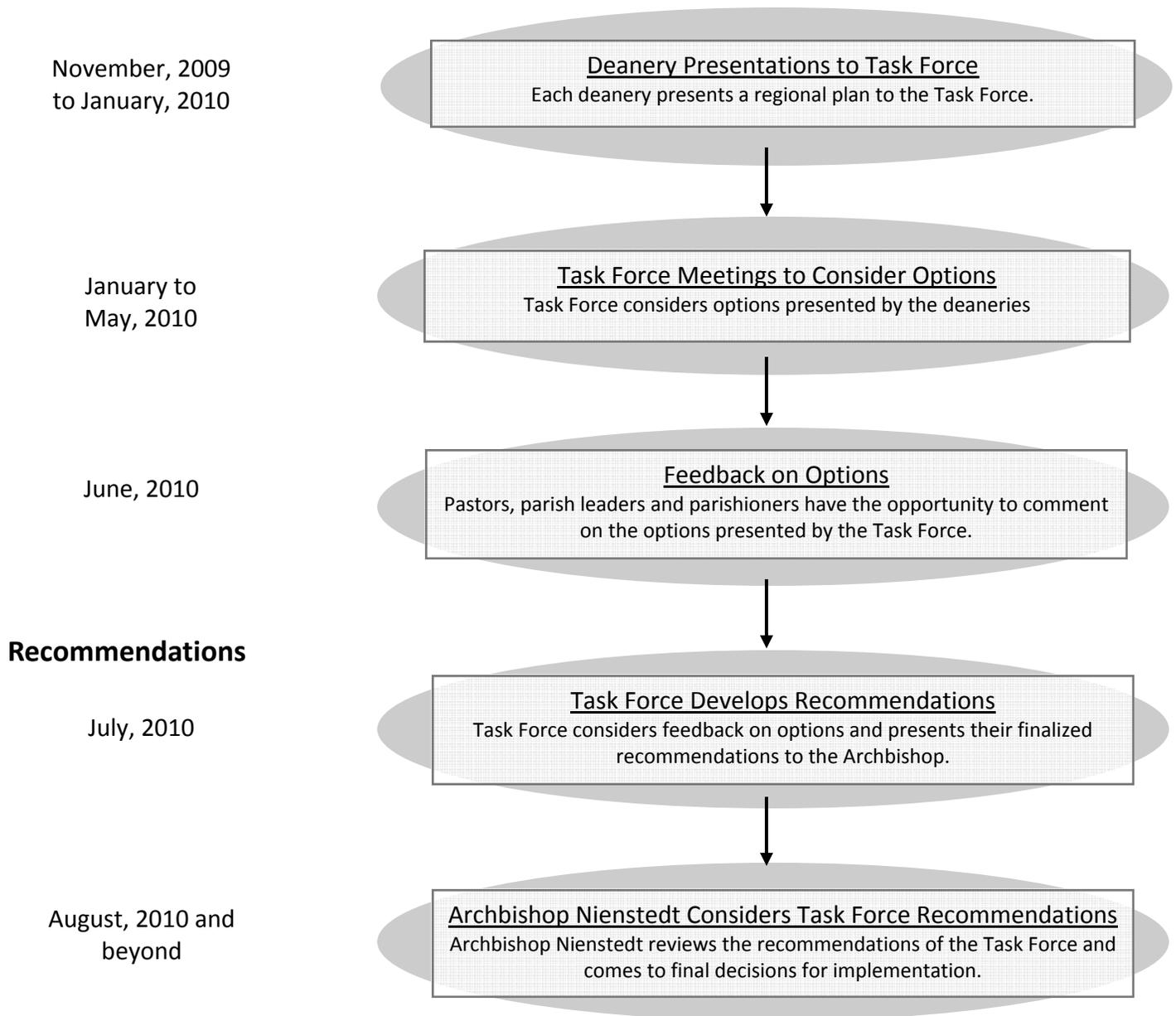
September to  
October, 2009

### Regional Parishioner Meetings

These meetings will provide parishioners opportunities to join the consultation on the future of the Archdiocese. Parishioners as they respond to a presentation of the current reality in the Archdiocese. Comment cards will be available as well as input website and voicemail line.

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All are welcome to contribute their thoughts on the future of the Archdiocese through one of the following ways:

**Web/Voice Mail Feedback Lines**

**Web Address:** [www.archspm.org/planningprocess](http://www.archspm.org/planningprocess) Click on "Feedback" to offer your thoughts.

**Voice Mail:** 651-291-4435

**Mailing Address:** Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis / PST—Planning Process Comments / 328 Kellogg Blvd. W. / St. Paul, MN 55102

All contributions are read or listened to for inclusion in reports to the Strategic Planning Task Force.

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*Please pray for guidance through this planning process and God's graces on this Archdiocesan community.*