

Planning Process Enters New Phase Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Process

The Archdiocesan Planning Process has entered a new phase and your involvement remains valuable.

The Strategic Planning Task Force is now hearing planning proposals from priest deaneries. Task force members will consider these proposals, along with the valuable input gathered at leadership, ministry group and parishioner meetings last year, when formulating their recommendations to the Archbishop. Please see the reverse side of this page for the Archdiocesan Planning Process timeline. You can find out more about the planning process at <http://planning.archspm.org/resources.html>

Among the comments the Strategic Planning Task Force has heard from parishioners both at the meetings and via the website, our dedicated voicemail line and letters:

- Parish culture and community are important factors to consider
- Evangelization and outreach, especially to young people and those who have left the Church, are key
- There is a deep concern for the well-being of priests, with recognition that priests need more support
- The laity need to be engaged in any parish clustering, collaborations and mergers
- It is important to have transparent communication to and from the Archdiocese and within parishes about all issues related to planning, including finances

As a means to address parishioner concerns about clear, accurate and consistent information regarding parishes' financial health, a new tool has been developed under the guidance of the Strategic Planning Task Force called the *Parish Annual Disclosure Form*. In the coming weeks, each pastor will be sent this disclosure form, which will be pre-populated with financial information about the parish(es) he leads. Data on the form is based upon information each parish reported to the Archdiocese. Also included on the form are the most recent annual baptism, marriage and funeral numbers for the parish, as well as school enrollment information (if applicable).

Each parish must publish this *Parish Annual Disclosure Form* in one parish bulletin on the weekend of April 10/11 or April 17/18 or April 24/25. From now on, publication of such disclosure forms will be required annually.

Please see the reverse side for the timeline and for contact information regarding the planning process...

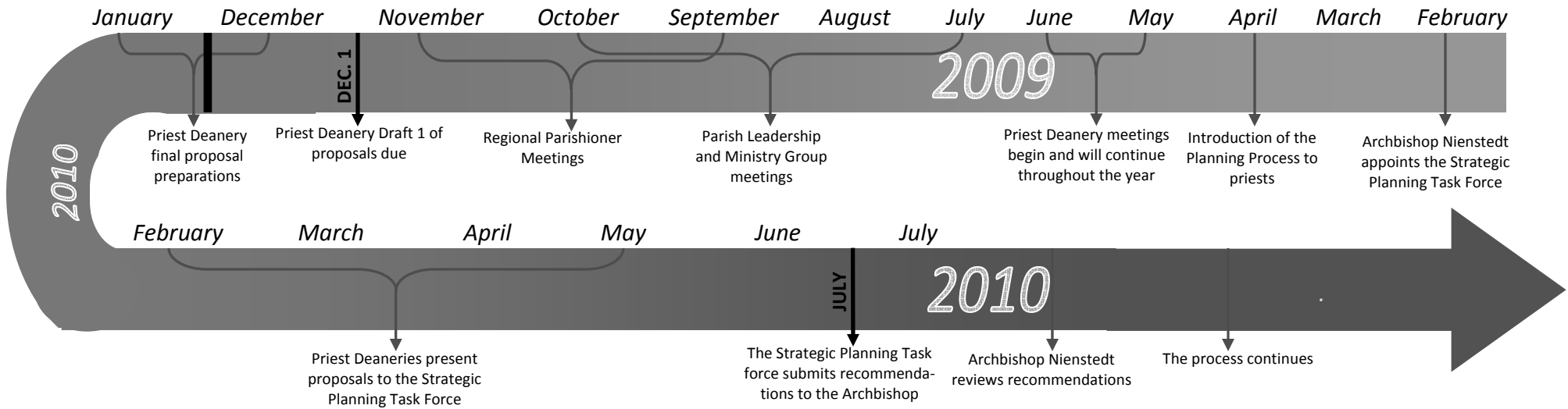


Planning Process Continuing Timeline

Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Process

Members of the Strategic Planning Task Force continue to prayerfully consider input from priests, parish leaders, parishioners and others regarding future planning for the Archdiocese. The Strategic Planning Task Force will make its recommendations to the Archbishop this summer.

Below is a simplified timeline of the process.



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