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September Meeting Summary

The last meeting of the Cluster Planning Coordination Team was held on Monday, September 9th at St. Leo the Great Parish. The meeting was preceded by a tour of the parish grounds.

The meeting began with prayer, *Good Stewards of God's Varied Grace*. The Cluster Planning Team was introduced to the new facilitator, Sr. Julie Bruss, SND. Sr. Julie is taking over for Sr. Christine Rody, SC. Everyone is asked to keep Sr. Christine in their prayers in the days and months ahead.

The cluster planning team spent time reading the letter sent to the cluster from Bishop Richard Lennon. Team members were then given time respond to the letter.

One member commented that while the bullet points on page 2 of the letter tend to grab our attention, it is the first page of the Bishop's letter that he [Bishop Lennon]

emphasized as more important at a recent gathering. The 1st page sets the spirit and focus for the implementation of the points on the 2nd page.

The first page of Bishop's letter emphasizes the need for evangelization and re-evangelization to all of the those within the Diocese of Cleveland.

At the previous meeting, each parish submitted data concerning finances, staffing and ministries to one another. That information has been consolidated into 3 different spreadsheet packages for the team to analyze.

The next meeting will be held in October at Our Lady of Good Counsel with a tour of facilities to precede the business meeting. It is our hope that we will begin discussing the data that was distributed at the September Meeting.

"I want to first emphasize that the foundation for the work of all clusters is the Church's essential mission of evangelization and re-evangelization. All that we do must lead to bringing the Gospel message into every human situation and helping all people to come to an encounter with the living Christ."

**The Most Reverend
Richard G. Lennon**

Buildings and Grounds Assessment

In order to compile accurate data regarding our parish facilities, Catholic Charities Corporation is evaluating the facilities of each parish in our cluster during the month of September.

While most people within the Diocese of Cleveland are familiar with the social services that have made Catholic Charities one of the best in the nation, Catholic Charities also manages many properties. According to their web site, Catholic Charities Facilities "provides property and asset management of facilities within Catholic Charities and is responsible for development of affordable housing."

For more information on all the good work that Catholic Charities does, log onto their web site <http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org>.

God of our ancestors, for many ages you have directed people to be humble, loving and good. As we look at the parishes of our cluster and recognize their many gifts, let us be aware that you are working in and through all the goodness we see. May all that we plan and all that we do, be done in your name and for your glory and praise.

Amen

Closing Prayer from *Good Stewards of God's Varied Grace* Prayer Service