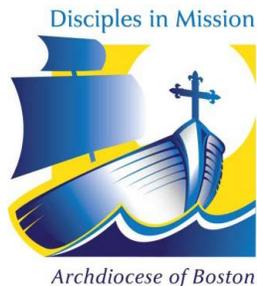


DISCIPLES IN MISSION UPDATE – PHASE TWO



On June 4, 2013, twenty-eight Parishes around the Archdiocese of Boston formed twelve Collaboratives, starting the implementation of Phase One of the Pastoral Plan. The purpose of the Collaboratives is to strengthen their member Parishes to be intentional centers of the New Evangelization, evangelization being the goal toward which every element of the Pastoral Plan is oriented. These Collaboratives were announced on January 10, 2013, leaving five months for the selection of Pastors, the selection of Parochial Vicars, and the training of Pastors, as well as for the groundwork to be done at the sites themselves to prepare for Collaboration.

In order to give more time for the preparation to be done in Phase Two, the Pastoral Planning Office will present a list of possible Phase Two Collaboratives to Cardinal Seán by early September of 2013. We will be recommending that the Cardinal choose twenty or so Collaboratives from this list for Phase Two implementation. These twenty Collaboratives will likely include about fifty Parishes.

As in Phase One, when the Collaboratives have been chosen, we will inform the Pastors, previous to any public announcement. We will ask them to inform their Councils, and then we will make a public announcement at the end of the week, before the weekend. This will allow the Pastors to announce their participation to their Parishes at weekend Masses.

On the day of the announcement, as in Phase One, information about each Collaborative will be posted on **www.disciplesinmission.com**, so that the public can follow the process.

Again as in Phase One, the announcement of a Parish's participation in Phase Two will be accompanied by a request for the Pastor's resignation, so that the Clergy Personnel process can begin. Just as in Phase One, the current Pastor of the Parish can apply to be the Pastor of the Parishes of the collaborative, as can any other Boston priest. A Parish Consultation Meeting with the Councils and Staffs of the several Parishes of the Collaborative will be held in each Collaborative before the Clergy Personnel Board begins their discussions. Pastors will be assigned by April of 2014, and Parochial Vicars soon afterward. Those priests will begin their assignments (after significant training), and thus the Collaborative will begin, in the late Spring of 2014.

A number of Parishes have contacted the Pastoral Planning Office expressing their willingness to be in Phase Two. We are very grateful for this, and we believe that many of our Phase Two Parishes will come from those who are now volunteering. That being said, it may be necessary to draw from the broader list of all the Parishes in the Archdiocese in order to get the right group of Collaboratives for Phase Two.

As we continue to study the Phase One Implementation, we are drawing up lists of things we have learned, so that we can strengthen the process in Phase Two.

Going forward from here, we plan to follow the same method each year, until implementation is completed.

So, in summary:

- Approximately twenty Phase Two Collaboratives (about fifty Parishes) announced in September
- Pastors assigned by April of 2014, and Parochial Vicars soon afterward
- Priests begin their assignments, and Collaboratives begin, in the late Spring of 2014
- Approximately twenty more Collaboratives each year until implementation is complete

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