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To the Parishes and Schools in the Topeka City Cluster:

As you know, the parishes and schools in the three Clusters of the Topeka Region engaged in the Proclaim It! planning process have submitted recommendations to the Regional Planning Commission. **The Planning Commission has given Archbishop Naumann its Final Recommendations and he will now consult with the Presbyteral Council before making his final decisions.**

The Final Recommendations for the Topeka City Cluster call for extensive collaboration among the seven parishes in support of all parish ministries, including expanded support for Catholic schools. They also call for the formation of a Task Force to address the future of Assumption Church and the exploration of a possible new Catholic school in Topeka City.

You will find the complete Final Recommendations for the Topeka City Cluster as well as Topeka East and West on the Archdiocesan web site at: www.archkck.org/topeka.

The 8-step Proclaim It! Planning Process

1. **Conversations** evaluating the current reality and assessing parish/cluster ministries
2. **Cluster suggestions** with rationale sent to the Regional Planning Commission
3. **Preliminary recommendations** sent by the Regional Planning Commission back to the Clusters for their response
4. **Conversations** focusing on the preliminary recommendations at the Cluster level leading to a response
5. **Responses** from the Cluster to the preliminary recommendations with a rationale sent to the Regional Planning Commission
6. **Final recommendations** to the Archbishop by the Regional Planning Commission
7. **Decisions by the Archbishop** on each final recommendation from the Regional Planning Commission
8. **Implementation** of a series of action steps to carry out the decision made by the Archbishop

We ask for your continued prayers for the Proclaim It! planning process. If you have questions, please contact Lesle Knop, lnop@archkck.org.

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