

## Update on Catholic Schools Planning

As was announced in the February 21 bulletin, a committee has been formed to review the Catholic schools of the five parish cluster of Saint Michael, Saint Peter, Saint Paul, Saint Joseph/Saint Joseph and Saint Joseph/Waite Park. The team's first meeting was held on February 25.

During the meeting, committee members introduced themselves and shared primary concerns about the process. An overview and brief history of the steps leading up to this collaboration were shared. The roles of the pastors, committee chairperson and recorder were clarified.

"Next steps" identified include: the selection of a committee chair and recorder; setting up a meeting schedule; determining the best ways to communicate with parishioners on a regular and timely basis; and educating the members of the committee on the history of Catholic schools and the current situation, and researching future trends and successful models of Catholic education.

The meeting closed with a blessing and commissioning of the committee members.