

***Saint Brigid Parish, Blessed Sacrament Parish,  
and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish***

May 3, 2004

Dear Parishioners of Saint Brigid Parish, Blessed Sacrament Parish, and Assumption Parish:

Last week a letter was sent to parishioners of all three parishes describing the Midland Catholic Clustering Project. This project is an effort to provide multiple opportunities for parishioners to offer input on how two priests can best meet the sacramental and ministerial needs of the three Midland-area Catholic parishes.

This past weekend at all the Masses, forms were distributed asking parishioners to estimate the number of people from their household that will attend one of the two fall gatherings that will kick off the project (Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>).

We recognize some parishioners were not at Mass in Midland this past weekend. Since it is necessary to have as accurate an estimate as possible for these gatherings, there is a need to hear from those who did not complete a form at Mass. If you have not yet completed the attached Midland Catholic Community Fall Gatherings participation form, please complete it and return it by Friday, May 21. Various options for returning it are outlined on the form. Choose the one that is most convenient for you.

As you complete the form, keep the following in mind:

- If you or someone from your household completed the form at Mass, please disregard the attached form.
- In order to avoid double counting, we ask that you submit only one form per household. So if you complete the form, there is no need for your spouse to do so.
- The attached form is not an RSVP. It simply provides an estimate of attendance, which is needed for planning purposes. Firm reservations will be invited at a later date.

A website has been created for the Midland Catholic Clustering Project: [www.midlandcatholics.org](http://www.midlandcatholics.org). This website will feature the fall gathering participation form, and will be continually updated throughout the clustering project.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide an estimate of your family's participation. These gatherings will be a special time for Catholics in Midland. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

Prayerfully, your pastors,

Fr. James Wm. Bessert  
Saint Brigid Parish

Fr. Peter J. Gaspeny  
Blessed Sacrament Parish

Fr. Richard M. Filary  
Assumption Parish