

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

August 23, 2004

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

Seasonally, we have entered into the harvest time. Liturgically, having just celebrated the Feast of the Assumption, we also have entered into the harvest time. The final months of the liturgical year have a number of feasts that focus on the gathering of God's people into the harvest of the Kingdom, ultimately concluding with All Saints, All Souls, and the Feast of Christ the King.

It is in this setting that we seek to gather the people of God of our parishes to harvest the wisdom and insight we have together – Our Midland Catholic Clustering Project! As you recall, this project is an effort to provide multiple opportunities for parishioners to offer input on how together, with just two priests, we can best meet the sacramental and ministerial needs of Midland-Area Catholics.

The enclosed materials provide everything you need to be able to register and join us for one of the two Midland Catholic Community Fall Gatherings (Sunday, September 19th, and Sunday, October 24th). We have selected the Great Hall at Valley Plaza Resort as the site for both gatherings. Specifically we enclose:

- Registration Form: Please use this form to indicate participation by each of the members of your household. *Please send only form per household.*
- *All You Wanted to Know about the Midland Catholic Clustering Project*, which will answer many questions about the Project

Each of these documents, along with all other information relevant to the cluster process are available at www.midlandcatholics.org.

Please return your completed registration form by September 8. The Great Hall will have a capacity for 600 persons for each of the two gatherings. We will take the first 600 to sign up for each of the two days.

As we prepare for these fall gatherings we are excited and hopeful about the possibilities of gathering so many Midland Catholics together in one place. We thank you in advance for your willingness to join us.

Prayerfully, your pastors,

Fr. James Wm. Bessert
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