



ATTACHMENT D

THE PASTORAL PLAN FOR PARISH RENEWAL AND RESTRUCTURING

PARISH EVALUATION INSTRUMENT

(This instrument should be filled out confidentially by everyone who participates in the process.)

Please reflect honestly and prayerfully on the ten CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING PARISH VIABILITY in ATTACHMENT C. You are not expected to provide a written answer for every criterion. They should stimulate thought and discussion. Discuss them freely with fellow parishioners. Since a wide range of opinions will be shared, it will not be possible to record in writing every opinion. However, a discussion group leader should be designated to provide a BRIEF summary of the discussion of each criterion indicating the presence or absence of a consensus about what seems to be working very well in the parish and what is not working well and is in need of serious improvement.

At the conclusion of the meeting(s) of your group, please indicate your true and honest judgment about each criterion using the scale of one to ten by circling the appropriate number, using “1” as the lowest and “10” as the highest. For example, if you think your parish is very strong in Worship and Spiritual Life, you would grade it 9 or 10, but NO LOWER than 8. However, if you think your parish is weak in that area, you would grade it 1 or 2 but NO HIGHER than 3. If you feel you do not know enough about a criterion, simply write, “I do not know enough to evaluate this area.” At the end of this instrument, please express your true opinion about the viability of your parish. You are urged to sign the completed evaluation instrument; however, you are not required to do so. Please give it to your pastor, administrator or parish life coordinator. Thank you for taking the time to give this evaluation serious consideration.

(All of these responses are to be summarized by the pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator and sent to the Vicar General. All individual responses must be forwarded as well.)

	lowest									highest
1. <u>THE CHRISTIAN FAITHFUL:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. <u>LEADERSHIP:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. <u>ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. <u>WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. <u>EDUCATION AND ONGOING FORMATION:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. <u>OUTREACH:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7. <u>FINANCES:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8. <u>FACILITIES:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9. <u>GEOGRAPHIC DISTANCE:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10. <u>PARTICIPATION IN CLUSTER:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

After prayerful consideration of ALL of the criteria and after examining carefully the realities of our parish, it is my sincere and honest judgment that: (Please check one.)

A. Our parish is indeed very strong and viable. It should be able to continue to serve the people of our community effectively for the next 20 years or more. We are in a position to provide some form of assistance to a parish that is in need. _____

B. Our parish is indeed viable and it should be able to continue to serve the people of our community effectively for the next 15 to 20 years. _____

C. Our parish may be viable for five years. However, after that we will be struggling. _____

D. Our parish is no longer viable on its own and I propose that we should be consolidated with a neighboring parish. _____ Which parish? _____

E. Our parish is no longer viable and for the long-term good of our own parishioners and for the good of the larger Church in southern Illinois, our parish should be closed within the next two years. _____

Comments: (if more space is needed, use separate sheet) _____

NAME (OPTIONAL): _____