



Memo:

To: All Parish Members of our Lower East Side Family of Parishes (Nativity of Our Lord, Sacred Heart, St. Augustine- St. Monica, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Elizabeth):

Re: Planning Process for Archdiocese of Detroit Central Region (Detroit, Highland Park, Hamtramck) Parishes

From: Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator Lower East Side Family of Parishes

As I wrap up my remaining time with you (through June 30th), I want to draw your attention to a very important matter and encourage your honest feedback. The Archdiocese of Detroit recently began a pastoral planning process focused mainly on three matters: 1) Improving our evangelization outreach; 2) The role of Catholic schools, and 3) Better use of and collaboration surrounding human, facility, and financial resources.

Because the proposed timeline for the process is very condensed, it will require us to offer feedback in the next couple of weeks. At our May 22nd Lower East Side Family of Parishes meeting, a few parish representatives from each of the five parishes had a chance to hear about the planning process, review the feedback instrument being used, and begin a discussion on the three focus areas mentioned above. It became clear that, though we do not think the instrument or the timeline is adequate to truly engage a grassroots process, we do not want to miss this opportunity to speak up on matters that can affect the future shape of our parishes.

Below is a QR Code as well as a URL that will open up the feedback instrument. Please take time to fill it out and submit it to the Archdiocese, so that they hear from more than just a handful of people. Because so many of the questions have predetermined answers, I would encourage you to especially use the boxes marked "Other" under each question and share your thoughts on the matter being discussed or on matters you believe the questionnaire is missing. Be honest. Be creative.

The feedback instrument will be live at least through June 15th, so this needs to be done sooner rather than later. Thank you.

Feedback Form: Click on <https://forms.gle/1wvTym3UCWAzgPgf7>

or QR Code:



Please contact the parish office (313) 331-0253 if you have any questions or see a member of parish leadership for more information.