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Department or Office with Primary Responsibility: Department of Diocesan Planning

Departments or Offices with Secondary Responsibility: Department of Clergy & Religious Personnel (formerly Department of Personnel in Ministry), Office for Priest Personnel, Deans

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Goal: Because of the current shortage of priests, the Diocese is to establish a policy of pastoral partnership agreements between or among parishes within each deanery.

Objectives:

1. Deanery boundaries will be re-drawn by April 30, 2009 to better reflect geographies that will promote pastoral partnerships among parishes.
2. Throughout 2009-2011, the Department of Diocesan Planning will work with parishes in the “Renewing the Church in _____,” a regional planning effort intended to bring together groups of parishes within the Diocese for collaboration in ministry. One outcome of the process will be “pastoral partnership agreements.”
3. Deanery Councils will reflect on possibilities for “pastoral partnership agreements” within their deaneries from June, 2009 through December, 2011.