



Making All Things New

The *Making All Things New* initiative is on an ambitious timeline, as you will see below. We are currently in the midst of Phase I, a self-assessment of our parish. To gather this information parish-wide and hear the many voices of our community we ask that you participate in two ways: complete an online survey (also available in the back of the church for those without internet access) by November 12th and attend a Town Hall meeting in November (details to follow).

In December we will launch Phase II of the process, a Cluster Evaluation, in which the Core Team will engage with other parishes in a series of meetings and discussions to identify how we might better serve our communities collaboratively. We will learn which parishes are in our cluster in early December. Suggestions from clusters will be forwarded to an Archdiocesan Advisory Group by March which, in turn, will prepare recommendations for the Cardinal. The Archdiocesan Advisory Group is composed of 40 members, who are respected, clergy, religious, and lay leaders from diverse backgrounds and geographic areas within the archdiocese. Decisions will be made by the Cardinal by June and announced by next September.

Timeline

Data collected from all parishes (e.g. financial, sacramental, educational, and personnel information).	April 2013 – January 2014
Cardinal Dolan met with all priests, deacons, and leaders of religious communities.	June 6, 2013
Core Teams from all 368 Parishes attended one of 11 training sessions.	September 24-25 2013
Parish surveys, town hall meetings, and self-assessment summaries completed.	December 1, 2013
Core Teams attend training sessions to prepare for Cluster Evaluations and Suggestions.	December 3-4, 2013
Parish teams meet with other in their cluster group.	December 2013 – February 2014
Cluster Suggestions due to Archdiocesan Advisory Group.	March 1, 2014
Archdiocesan Advisory Group preliminary recommendations completed.	March 31, 2014
Conversation and Response Phase completed.	June 1, 2014
Archdiocesan Advisory Group final recommendations completed.	June 30, 2014
Cardinal Dolan announces decisions.	September 2014
Implementation begins.	2015

Thank you in advance for your prayers and cooperation. Your participation via the online survey and the Town Hall meetings is a critical part of this process. A link to the survey is available on the homepage of our parish website: <http://thomasmorechurch.org/>. For those without access to the internet, you may pick up a copy of the survey in the back of the church and return it there when completed.

Deadline for submission is Tuesday, November 12th.

For additional information you can visit www.archny.org/pastoral/parish-planning.

With best wishes and gratitude to you for your continued concern and support,

Rev. Kevin V. Madigan, Pastor