

St. Paul Catholic Church - Model D

1223 Church Rd, St. Paul, MO 63366

Dear All Things New Planning Committee,

In our best effort to plan for the future and to do all things for the greater glory and honor in our Heavenly Father's name for the good of his people in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, we present what we believe to be the most viable option (Model D) based on parishioner feedback, community awareness, and facts. The three-ingredient recipe we would like to focus on underscores our community's dedication to creating disciples and highlights why **St. Paul should remain as a place of worship while still supporting All Things New**. Our recipe consists of:

1. **Our Dedication to Evangelization**
2. **Undeniable Community Growth**
3. **Ample Facilities to Seamlessly Welcome an Additional Parish**

Let's start with **Our Dedication to Evangelization**.

- First off, this is a very Catholic area. We are blessed to have double the Catholic resident population compared to the Archdiocese average (35% vs 18%).
- Second, our Area (11) is a meaningful feeder to St. Dominic High School, which is in turn a direct feeder to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. We are pleased and proud to claim 8 current seminarians.
- Thirdly, since 1991 our 24/7 Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has been staffed by not only our own parishioners but those from neighboring parishes as well. Holy hours in the Chapel have brought untold blessings and serve as a testament to St. Paul Parish's devotion to the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. We also reach out and support the community through our Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent DePaul, Pro-Life and through our various other programs.
- Finally, our annual parish picnic is the largest one-day picnic in the State of Missouri. Widely known for our hospitality, on that day St. Paul Parish joyfully shares the love of our faith-filled community with thousands of Catholics and Non-Catholics alike from St. Charles County, St. Louis County and beyond. This picnic showcases to all those who attend the best attributes of a Catholic community working together to support our parish and our faith.

Now understanding our Dedication to Evangelization, we would like to highlight our **Undeniable Community Growth**.

- To start, as stated by your committee, St. Paul is the 2nd fastest growing parish in the entire diocese, with no signs of slowing. This is a fact, and this data cannot be ignored.

- Next, we are committed to and support the All Things New goal of 1000+ weekend mass attendees. Currently, we are near 80% of that goal and are on a path to soon meet and exceed that diocesan benchmark.
- Thirdly, St. Paul School exhibits a consistently growing cost effective Catholic education that imparts the Good News of Salvation to all those we touch. Catholic education helps ensure that future generations will carry forward the generosity to be good stewards of our Heavenly Father's many gifts. Our success is manifested in our school's six straight years of growth, our lowest expense per student in the entire Archdiocese (\$5478), and we have the lowest subsidized percentage in our planning area (24%).

Lastly, let's shift our focus to the final ingredient, our **Ample Facilities to Seamlessly Welcome an Additional Parish**.

- First and foremost, St. Paul has sufficient ground for both Church and School expansion, if and when necessary, with an infrastructure that offers easy accessibility for meaningful growth.
- Our existing facilities are in excellent condition, as affirmed by the Archdiocesan review and rating this past summer. The Church was beautifully renovated in 2018, and the School is updated and reconfigured each year based on the changing needs of our student population.
- Additionally, St. Paul exhibits transparent financial stability to support expansion if needed.

In conclusion, St. Paul Parish offers three key ingredients dedicated to creating disciples and achieving the aims of All Things New:

1. **Our Dedication to Evangelization** – This is a fact, this is a very Catholic area that presents a unique opportunity to continue to evangelize in a way that may not be possible elsewhere.
2. **Undeniable Community Growth** - St. Paul represents the 2nd fastest growth in the entire diocese.
3. **Ample Facilities to Seamlessly Welcome One Additional Parish** - We have sufficient ground for expansion with infrastructure that offers easy accessibility for meaningful growth.

People are drawn to St. Paul Parish because of the warmth that surrounds it and the love of the people within it. St. Paul, our namesake, was one of the Church's greatest Evangelizers, and we prayerfully hope to continue to carry on his mission of promoting God's love for all.

With this, we ask what else do you need from our community to feel comfortable embracing the Model D presented before you, which is that St. Paul Catholic Church of St. Paul, Missouri remain as a parish with the ability to welcome another as deemed necessary?