

RECONFIGURATION

“If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind.”

We began this process of reconfiguration as a mandate from Archbishop O'Malley to help him "rebuild the church." After eight meetings to discuss and share our hopes and desires for our future together, we are at present prepared to put our recommendations into writing. The work has been most difficult and at times, emotional for all of us. Each week the Pastors of the five parishes have tried to keep everyone informed as to our committee's deliberations. This week, as we enter the season of Lent, we do so with a renewed sense of hope and growth for all of us. If there is to be a closing of one or more parish in Belmont-Watertown we are all committed to helping each other continue our collaborative efforts to be the strongest and most welcoming spiritual home for all our people and families. We continue to pray for that grace. Once our recommendation to the Archbishop is written and approved by the committee, we will make copies available for everyone in our parish communities. Please pray, as you have been during these past weeks, for each other. Pray, *“united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind.”*