

## **DECIDING TYPE of EVENT**

(Cluster Coordinated, Cluster Aware, Parish, Cluster Ministry)

### **Cluster Coordinated Event**

- Requires resources of all parishes (financing, event location, expertise)
- One-of-a-kind event (cluster fundraiser, annual event, Papal or Archbishop visit)
- Fills a need in all parishes
- Provides social interaction among parishioners of all parishes
- \* Supported by all Pastoral Leaders
- \* Council commits to event

### **Cluster Aware Event**

- Unique event within a parish that other parish parishioners are welcome
- Sponsoring parish has a history of holding the event
- Additional resources are not required to hold event
- \* Pastoral Leader of sponsoring parish agrees to the promotion by the council

### **Parish Event**

- Sacramental ceremonies for the parishioners of the parish (First Eucharist, Confirmation, First Reconciliation)
- Fundraisers, Social Gatherings, Retreats/Studies limited to number of participants
- Training of ministers within their parish
- Pastoral Leader wishes to keep it limited to own community

### **Cluster Ministry**

- Type of ministry would not be as effective if carried out by individual parishes
- The needs of the ministry is too large for individual parishes to sponsor
- Ministry requires expertise that is not available in all parishes
- \* All parishes see a need for the ministry
- \* Parishes would not be able to fund the ministry on their own
- \* There is a need for the ministry within all parishes
- \* All parishes commit to have a representative serve on the ministry formation, implementation and continuing development
- \* Supported by all Pastoral Leaders

### **Consider:**

- 1) Any new ideas for ministry should be considered for Cluster Ministry
- 2) Coordinating Council should assist all parishes in a review of all parish ministries to determine if the cluster community would be better served by combining the ministries into a cluster ministry (e.g., pastoral visitors for hospitals, nursing homes and senior living communities; diocesan leadership training courses; cluster liturgical celebrations)

NOTE: \* Any statement with this mark must be part of the decision making process for the event.  
All statements **without** an \* may stand on their own or be combined in making the decision.