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***Making All Things New***  
Implementation Update #8  
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Dear Cluster Core Team Members & Facilitators:

*We need to recognize our call to the new evangelization. Today's Church calls for a mission mode, not a maintenance model. No longer can we presume our people will come; no longer can we wait for the folks to show up; no more can we be comfortable that people baptized and raised Catholic will live and die Catholic; no longer can we do business as usual; no longer can we spend all our energy and resources on maintaining structures that are no longer working; no more can we wring our hands over our problems and fret about just keeping our heads above water. Now we must cast out to the deep!*

**Timothy Cardinal Dolan**  
**Pastoral Letter on *Making All Things New***

As we move through the implementation phase of ***Making All Things New***, parish and cluster implementation teams will develop action plans, present progress reports to the Archdiocesan Advisory Group and receive responses from them, all in order to continue to strengthen parish life and help more Catholic people grow in their faith.

Other information:

1. Thanks to all the Pastors and Cluster Chairs of the “send back” parishes **who presented their cluster responses** to the Archdiocesan Advisory Group (AAG) March 11 or 12 at Maryknoll in Ossining, New York. Following review of the AAG’s final recommendations by the Presbyteral Council, **Cardinal Dolan plans to release his decisions** on these “send back” by the end of April.
2. **The deadline for receiving the collaboration action plans has been moved back to November 1<sup>st</sup> from May 1<sup>st</sup>.** This decision was made after much feedback was received from cluster core teams that the earlier deadline was too soon. For many clusters the work on mergers will take significant time and energy and the new pastor assignments will be made by July.

3. **The Pastoral Transition Manual for all parishes** involved in implementation of Cardinal Dolan's decisions in *Making All Things New* was distributed at the training sessions for cluster teams. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Maryteresa McKenna at [Maryteresa.McKenna@archny.org](mailto:Maryteresa.McKenna@archny.org).
4. The **Pastoral Transition Manual has been translated into Spanish** and both the English and Spanish versions are posted on the archdiocesan website at <http://www.archny.org/parish-planning>. If you want a printed version of the manual in Spanish, please complete the enclosed form and return it to Helen Damitio at [HDamitio@TheReidGroup.biz](mailto:HDamitio@TheReidGroup.biz) by Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Pastoral Transition Team members are available to assist parishes** focusing on the August 1, 2015 mergers. Please contact your Reid Group consultants for assistance.
6. **Parish facilitators are available to assist parishes** who are focusing on collaboration. Please contact your Reid Group consultants for assistance.
7. **The three Power Points** used during the pastoral area training sessions in mid-February (General Overview, For Collaboration and For Merger) will be posted on the website in mid-March.

HAVE QUESTIONS? SEND THEM to [KJohnson@TheReidGroup.biz](mailto:KJohnson@TheReidGroup.biz) and we will address them in future updates. Thank you again for all your good work. Please do not hesitate to call or email one of your Reid Group consultants if you have questions.

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TRANSITION MANUAL**

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