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Dear Father Powers:

Now that Cardinal Seán has approved *Disciples in Mission – A Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Boston*, it is time to begin formalizing the collaboratives.

As you are aware, your proposed collaborative is Saint John the Evangelist Parish and Saint Paul Parish, Wellesley.

Based on the feedback we have received, our study of the pastoral, financial and demographic situation in your community, and our conversations with you, we believe this grouping to be the proper collaborative. *Please acknowledge your assent to this grouping* in a letter addressed to the Office of Pastoral Planning, or by email to Paul_Soper@rcab.org, no later than December 7.

Some ten to fifteen Collaboratives, which we are calling *Phase One*, will commence in July, 2013. The Phase One Collaboratives will be named in January, and the Pastors appointed in March. Many of the issues associated with this collaborative model, such as operating within a local pastoral plan for evangelization, will be worked out in this opening Phase. The Phase One Collaboratives, then, will need to be creative, engaged, and willing to be transparent in their work, so that this process can be studied and refined.

Phases Two and Three, beginning in 2014 and 2016, will be much larger. If it is necessary for us to have a Phase Four, that will be in 2017 or 2018.

While Cardinal Seán will authorize which Collaborative enters which particular Phase, we are interested in your input. In your response to this letter, *please inform us if you wish for your collaborative to enter Phase One*. In order to fulfill our fairly aggressive timetable for Phase One, kindly respond to this request by *December 7*, or earlier if possible.

Thank you for your valued cooperation, and may God sustain you with his blessings for the good work you are doing.

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