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Friday, April 3

for

**Strategic Planning in the Archdiocese of St. Louis:  
The Process, the Outcomes**

presented by Nancy Kinney, Ph.D. and  
Mark Tranel, Ph.D.

12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
427 Social Sciences/Business Building

In cities across the U.S., the Roman Catholic Church has undergone dramatic changes in the configuration of its parishes and schools. Like other U.S. denominations facing similar decisions, the Catholic Church has been confronted with demographic change that leads to difficult decisions of sustainability. The closure of a parish church or school is often regarded as a devastating loss for a neighborhood community. How such decisions are reached—and the process that is followed—is the focus of a St. Louis-based study.

In 2003 and 2004, a strategic planning process resulted in the reorganization of the Northeast Deanery of the [Archdiocese of St. Louis](#). Following the Archdiocesan-lead planning, this St. Louis County deanery was restructured into 11 parishes from the original 25. Now the deanery is engaged in a planning process focused on maintaining Catholic elementary education.

Drs. Nancy Kinney and Mark Tranel have researched the planning process of the Northeast Deanery, examining both the planning and its outcomes. Join us on April 3, when they present their findings and then open a dialogue on community planning processes and impacts on communities.

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The seminar will be held on **Friday, April 3**, from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. in the PPRC Conference Room, 427 Social Sciences/Business Building on the UM-St. Louis North campus. [Click here](#) for a campus map.

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