

DEANERY ASSEMBLY REPORT FORM – Fall 2023

Deanery: Waukesha West

Meeting Date: 10/10/2023

Report Submitted By: Mary Markham and Dave Grunwaldt

Attendance, by Parish:

1. Did your deanery need to discern a new APC representative? Yes _____ No x
If Yes, who was selected? (Name, parish, email, phone, and mailing address please)

2. Did you have a presentation on a specific topic? Yes x No _____
If Yes, what was the topic, who was the presenter, and what were the main points of the presentation?

- Guest Speaker Cindy Lukowitz from Development Office with the emphasis of Stewardship and changing the
- Guest Speaker Chris Schulties from Communication Office with emphasis of Resources

3. **Comments or Questions from Meeting Topics Discussed:**

- Office of Catholic Social Responsibility (June 24 APC meeting)
 - Information shared and was helpful
- Office of Development (September 9 APC meeting)
 - Guest Speaker Cindy Lukowitz shared in depth ways to help educate parishes about prayer, time and talent; answered questions and suggested changing the name “Stewardship” to help change the mindset of it being more than about the money, although the money is an important piece. Also by changing the language of “Can you help and give 15 min, 30 min etc.” may provide more volunteers.

4. **Deanery Items for the Attention of the Archbishop (successes, challenges, questions)**

- Items you are glad to see being addressed or feel should be brought to the attention of the archbishop (record one item for each parish):
 - Queen of Apostles - concern was how to bring the “Under 30” group back to church?
 - How to retain youth?
 - Parents drop off for Religious Education but do not stay.
 - St. Paul - Educating youth the “Why” we do prayers and talking a lot about Eucharistic Revival
 - St. Jerome - JP2 Crew - Faith Formation is strong; Chair has business background and helped with rebuilding committees
 - 24 hr Adoration
 - St. Joan of Arc/St. Catherine - Using tool to share gifts (Participation card - these are my gifts)
 - St. Anthony - struggling with getting teachers, training for lay ministry
 - St. Bruno - Why do so many Priests go to Rome or overseas and NOT stay in our area?
 - St. Paul's - 1 priest running 2 parishes seems difficult and how do you handle Priest burnout?
 - How do you prioritize placement of Priests?
 - Common question: What are the Archbishop's plans after retirement?
 - The accountability piece is missing from the leaders of parishes.
 - Lacking follow thru and personal connection with Priests and Leaders of the parish.

- k. Everyone is at a different place and the importance of sharing those differences helps other parishes grow.

b. Homework from the Archbishop:

- Share with your deaneries his three pastoral priorities:
 - Catholic Identity – who we are
 - Evangelization – what we do
 - Stewardship – how we do it

COMMENTS:

- Parishes shared doing a “NAME TAG WEEKEND ” and writing first and last name to get to know who the parishioners are.
- St. Anthony shared using “MYSALE” program
- St. Theresa of Avila shared how changing the word “Stewardship” to “Ministry” helps change the mindset and perspective of volunteering and giving.

5. Future Meeting Dates, Time, and Location:

Spring 2024 Meeting –

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: St. Catherines in Mapleton