

DEANERY ASSEMBLY REPORT FORM – Fall 2023

Deanery: RACINE Meeting Date: OCTOBER 12, 2023

Report Submitted By: SANDRA PIPER

Attendance, by Parish:

Sacred Heart

St Edward

St John Nepomuk

St Joseph

St Louis

St Lucy

St Patirick

St Paul the Apostle

St Richard

St Sebastian

EXCUSED:

St Rita – they had their Parish Pastoral Council Meeting the same night

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 _____ No X____
If Yes, what was the topic, who was the presenter, and what were the main points of the presentation?

3. Comments or Questions from Meeting Topics Discussed:
a. Office of Catholic Social Responsibility (June 24 APC meeting)
b. Office of Development (September 9 APC meeting)

A question came up asking if this Department could help us clean up our parish membership lists. It is difficult to update this data when the rule is that a parishioner can only remove themselves.

4. Deanery Items for the Attention of the Archbishop (successes, challenges, questions)
a. Items you are glad to see being addressed or feel should be brought to the attention of the archbishop

A suggestion was made that there be a 'deanery' website. Perhaps it could be linked to the Archdiocese website. It could have a calendar of events for all of the churches in the deanery as a one stop shop. That way if someone is looking specifically for Benediction times, they can find locations and times in one central area.

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

- Discuss what each priority means and why it is important
- Ask deanery members for examples of what their parishes are already doing to fulfill each priority, and ideas/suggestions for what they could do, either individually or collaboratively.

St Joseph – has a Jesus and the Eucharist study that meets on Mondays.

St Joseph – has a Eucharistic Revival Team that is generating excitement.

St Richard – recently held a Ministry Weekend with a mission to serve ‘outer space’ theme

St John Nepomuk and St Joseph – combined their festivals to create a greater sense of community

3 of the Catholic Churches of Central Racine will be combining their Saturday Masses. The location will rotate amongst the parishes. This will create a greater sense of community.

St Sebastian – very happy to have a school again and excited about their new lit marquee sign

St Edward – had two plots in the community garden. Grew and donated fresh vegetables for the neighborhood.

St Edward – collaborated with a nearby Lutheran Church for our city’s National Night Out Event.

St Paul – has a deacon being ordained in May.

St Lucy – meet and greet after Mass once a month.

Sacred Heart – stewardship committee is back up and running. Implementing ways for parishioners to share their time and talent.

5. Any Other Comments

6. Future Meeting Dates, Time, and Location:

Spring 2024 Meeting –

Date: 4/18/2023

Location: St Sebastian Parish – Sturtevant, WI

Note: Deanery reports and meeting schedules should be sent to Laura Engel at engell@archmil.org before November 15, 2023.