

DEANERY ASSEMBLY REPORT FORM – Fall 2023

Deanery: Kenosha

Meeting Date: 10/26/23

Report Submitted By: Paul Gillespie

Attendance, by Parish:

St. Therese

St. Marks

St. Anne

Holy Rosary

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

None was selected – No volunteers, but I may have a lead on a prospective member

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?
Reviewed Presentation of Catholic Social Responsibility

3. Comments or Questions from Meeting Topics Discussed:
Reviewed included discussing the different kinds of collections throughout the year. Several members were surprised at some of the collections as they were unaware that they were unique collections (such as combined collections). Discussed the seminary dinner that was held recently.

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

- a. Reduced or inconsistent attendance at Mass tends to be an ongoing issue across multiple parishes in the Archdiocese, including our own. What are the longer-term plans that the Archdiocese may be working on that can address this issue and help grow Mass attendance? We would be interested in hearing details about potential plans that we could apply within our parish.

Answers to Archbishops Question:

A majority of Kenosha churches are praising the expansion of their adult formation programs. At least two churches have faith and formation program managers.

Holy Rosary - We have been working with Michael Laird from the archdiocese Office of Missionary Planning and Leadership on development of a long-term strategy for the ministries that we provide to our parishioners and local community. Michael has been instrumental in this process over the last year, and we have formed working groups who will be assessing our current state and developing plans around our longer-term ministry needs along each of the Synod priorities. We can't say enough good things about Michael's ongoing leadership and value to this process.

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Mount Carmel / St. Therese - the articles added into the weekly bulletins of both parishes, such as the one from Father Gerald Murray via "The Catholic Thing" in our November 4/5 bulletin, are holy examples of our parishes providing solid catechesis to us, the laity. I must say that Mount Carmel is constantly emphasizing Evangelization. Father Campbell has several speakers. Liz Yore speaking at St. Therese (child sex trafficking) and Congressman Dan Lipinski regarding Pro Life. In addition, Michael O'Neill discussed Eucharistic Miracles and Pro-Life. These are just a few to mention. In our Parish Council meetings, this topic is of major concern, and we spend time creating new ideas for new speakers and/or presentations. These meetings seem to be well attended and bring hope that we can spread the Word of God.

5. Any Other Comments

The meeting was poorly represented. The root cause is varied. A few APC members transferred out of the parish, a few churches didn't have second APC members, and one member was inadvertently left off the meeting list. Plan of action is to talk to senior deanery priest to develop a full roster of APC members.

Future Meeting Dates, Time, and Location:

Spring 2024 Meeting –

Date: April 25th

Location: St Therese, Kenosha

Fall 2024 Meeting-

Date: October 24th

Location: St Therese, Kenosha

Note: Deanery reports and meeting schedules should be sent to Rosalita Villa at villar@archmil.org before November 15, 2023.