

DEANERY ASSEMBLY REPORT FORM – Spring 2023

Deanery: Ozaukee/Milwaukee Northeast

Meeting Date: 04/03/2023

Report Submitted By: Elaine Steele

Parish Deanery Assembly Representatives/Parishes Present:

Mary Navis, Divine Savior

William Johannes, Divine Savior

Wendy Hengsbach, Gesù

John Luyden, Gesu

Peter Bemis, Our Lady of Lakes

James Warwzyn, St. Eugene

Tim Schulter, St. Francis Borgia

Stephanie Dailey, St. Francis Borgia

Bob Burant, St. John XXIII

Matt Schwab, St. Joseph's Grafton

Chris Meyer, St. Monica

Cory Wycklendt, St. Robert

Katie Kasper, Holy Family

Elaine Steele, APC, Holy Family

Jim Karolewicz, Lumen Christi

John Sopor, Archdiocesan Representative

1. Did your deanery need to discern a new APC representative? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, who was selected? (Name, parish, email, phone, and mailing address please)

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1. Did you have a presentation on a specific topic? Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, what was the topic, who was the presenter, and what were the main points of the presentation?

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

a. Review roles and responsibilities of Deanery Assembly Representatives

Jim K. brought up that the MissionInsite data are pretty old. All the way back from 2020. Jim has asked for a refresh to the data from Laura Engel. Data give a lot of information about the demographics, etc., for the parishes to develop programs.

b. Substitute Musician Roster

c. ASIC Report

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Parishes do not have an idea of what the archdiocese does, especially for them. Part of the problem with everything going on, those who asked to give money would know what the needs are. Monthly report on the categorical items in regards to the Love One Another campaign. Parishioners should know what they are contributing on a broad basis. There is a great elevator speech in the fifth paragraph for the Love One Another campaign. Going to people's homes to ask for money was a great way to meet parishioners in their community. Treasure comes in all forms, but are we having people pay to volunteer? How are they thanked? The harvest is plentiful, but the labor is few. We may not like the field, but this is what we have. Need to have people think with the ownership mentality.

d. Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

Peter Burds emphasized that parishes feel supported in building their local church. Look at the materials and see the experts who parishes could reach out to and ask for help. Discussion about not knowing the people around us at Mass. Wendy H. at Gesu parish talked about how she implemented, informally, Pew Partners. Go to breakfast every quarter. Evangelization within the parish and schools with Catholics and non-Catholics. Discussion of involving the children in the Liturgy at Gesu during the High Seasons.

e. Communication Methods Delivery

Get a Google Drive, or etc., and set it up, anonymize it per parish. Set it up and then it is not hard to transfer over the information.

1. Deanery items for the attention of the archbishop:

- a. Share one significant way Synod priorities are being implemented at your parish.
 - i. St. Joseph's Grafton: Parish is focused on the Eucharistic Revival. Coming up with different plans with how to introduce it to the parish and what they are going to do with it. *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*—the council has been reading this for the past few months to bring this mindset in. Members also attended the related Pallium Lecture. If we ask people why do we do this, are we going to get blank faces? There are just Catholics who check off the boxes. The priest is going to incorporate discussions into the homilies. They are going to plan Eucharistic Processions. Focus on the Eucharist.
 - ii. Gesu: Been focusing on mission and goals with the new pastor and associate pastor. Got mission statement and goals set, now working on objectives. Getting commissions set up again post-Covid. Expanding the opportunity for the Eucharist. Reintroducing a Saturday Mass. Reopening the lower church for a more intimate daily Mass. Also working on a renovation of the upper Church. Increasing the number of parishioners and the Liturgy Committee has been revamped. Gesu is applying to become a basilica. Acceptance by the archbishop and the provincial. The application will go to the USCCB and then to the Vatican. Would become the first Jesuit basilica in the country. Use Flocknotes for communication— you can store dates and send emails. It's a one stop place for communication.
 - iii. St. Eugene: Trying to build back the Commissions with the post-pandemic. There was a falloff with Covid.

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- iv. St. Francis Borgia: *Reach More* training program from Evangelical Catholic. Started intentional groups. Ten were in a group, led by a facilitator. Ten week meetings on how to share their faith with others, facilitate a small group, pray with others. At the end, have to discern where they are called. Has to start small. One on one relationships that are not led by the staff. We have to take ownership of our faith, not consumers of it. Twenty five percent of the school families are not registered to the parish, but there is a place for an opportunity. They might see the school as an elite private school, not a faith-based school. Families used to be used to sacrificing to send their kids to the schools, but there are school families who don't have that mindset. Buildings and groups focus. Adoration is going very well. 24/7 and there is a focus on it from the pastor.
 - v. St. Monica—100th Anniversary next Christmas. How do you properly celebrate “the big barn?” Next year is strategic mission planning. Instituted common meeting nights for the Commissions a few years ago, and then it ended. Will have two common meeting nights with the commission chairs and vice chairs. Goals in June, debrief in November/December.
 - vi. St. Robert: Will also do the Evangelical Catholic. Pete Burns and Margaret Rhody have provided documents that will be a binder. Small group of three to four people. Rhody met with a couple groups to discern best practices. A sixteen week program to allow for breaks. Working with Pete Burds for a visioning team for a higher level of the parish on what it is doing and not doing. Focus on areas for more attention. Principal and teacher and staff retention is miserable in the North Shore. Poaching principals. Four schools and three openings.
 - vii. Holy Family: HF has a special education program. There are seven in the arch, and five are in this deanery. It is a necessary program and has lots of growing pains.
 - viii. Our Lady of the Lakes— FYI. There are funds available from the *Faith in our Future* campaign in 2010. They used the Formed by Faith in the Eucharist Grant to help kickstart the Eucharist revival. Fund speakers and educational materials. Formed app to subsidize the costs. Synod priorities: Cluster school Divine Savior is having a Leadership Retreat. Both parish and finance councils, school advisory committee, school leadership, parish staff. Father Don Timm will be doing a presentation on building relationships—first with Jesus Christ and then with each other.
 - ix. ST. John XIII—200 with the waiting list of the school. School is doing great. Strategic plan has been the focus this year. Survey the commissions as to what their purpose is. Struggles have been communication and volunteerism. Trying to bring all the commissions together to have communication to talk about what they are doing because there is redundancy. How do you treat your volunteers? The strategic plan formed a parish leadership team. But, the PLT seems to be on the way on replacing the pastoral council, which cannot happen.
- b. Is there any other significant parish activity, which happened, is happening or being discussed that you want to share. Feel free to bring one handout.
- 1. Significant new ways parishes are planning for the post-pandemic church:
 - 1. Any other comments or questions?

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- i. St. Eugene: Conversion of school to sacraments, i.e. school to confirmation.
- ii. Why are the APC meeting minutes not sent out to the deanery?
- iii. St. Eugene: There are school families that have concerns about standards-based grading. Is it an edict from the archdiocese? It is a policy that they teach with the standards in mind. The parents do not have a sense of what a 1, 2, 3 versus a letter grade on their report card.
- iv. Holy Family Concern—the special education program. The new vocations crisis is Catholic schools teachers. Paying them what that is reasonable is hard. HF has teachers who are either the household's second income (the primary income being more than enough) or very young teachers on their parents' insurance until 26.
- v. Our Lady of the Lakes: With the apostolic mission piece, would it be helpful for the parish to have an audit of the programs.

1. Future Meeting Dates, Time, and Location:

Trying to have a Zoom meeting in July.

October 2nd, 2023.

First Monday in April is Easter Monday 2024. This will be decided at a later date.

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