

Waukesha West Deanery Meeting – Spring Assembly March 23, 2023 – St. Theresa’s Fellowship Hall

Attendees: Christy Rosenberger (Queen of Apostle), Mike Karczewski (St. Bruno), Pat Celek (St. Catherine of Alexandria), Carolyn Evers (St. James), Bill Lechtenber & Oleg Gershteyn (St. Jerome), Annette Dopp (St. Joan of Arc), Marianne Fink & Michael Williams (St. Joseph), Lori Kaari (St. Paul), Christine Alcher (St. Theresa of Calcutta), Mary Markham (Chair) and Patrice Farrell (St. Theresa), Dave Grunwaldt (Chair) (St. Anthony on the Lake)

Absent: St. Leonard, St. Anthony on the Lake, Deanery Dean (medical leave), Michael Laird (Archdiocese)

Opening Prayer: Led by Mary Markham

Welcome & Introduction: Great enthusiasm, This was the first meeting for 10 of the 14 in attendance

- No attendee from Arch or a pastor rep which was a disappointment.
- Meeting was very successful and interactive.

Archdiocese Pastoral Council (APC) Topics shared and discussed.

- Relationship of Deanery assemblies or pastoral council – Share excerpt from pastoral norms, read aloud around the table. Shared the importance to deanery lay perspective is to the archbishop.
- Pastoral Center support: Shared powerpoint deck from Winter APC meeting that was presented by Brad Berghouse. Selected several departments of which have impacted parishes and shared around the table.
- Synod overview: Notes from spring APC meeting shared about the future opportunities to grow in our responsibilities.
- Office of Evangelization and Catechist
 - Shared Peter Burbs ppt and team contacts.
 - A lot of discussion about how parishes have already used them for programming and DRE functions.

Parishes to share One Significant way synod priorities are being implemented.

- Eucharist processions
- Subscription to Formed for small groups.
 - Lengthy discussion
 - Raised awareness to all parishes.
- Mathew Kelly Holy moments
- Several parishes shared how strong their Human concerns ministry is
- Bible Study groups
- Trying to develop evangelization for children.
- Deacons providing Lenten series.
- Greet, Eat, and Meet
- Discussion about keep trying new ideas until something catches on
- Queen of Apostles: School of discipleship (A lot of interest on this topic)
- Speakers between masses.
- Time and Talent fairs

If there is one thing that you want the Archbishop to work on.

- There was consensus that the Archdiocese must address how we attract young generation. Maybe don't start with the 30=40 year old but start with the family unit and the children. Have Children put the pressure on the parents that they want to attend church. Opportunity exists with the connection with young priests (What is the plan!)

Discernment of new deanery Representative to the APC

- Dave's first term was up this year, after extending my first term by a year due to covid. We did not have time to have a strong discernment process, however, the general sense I was getting was to have me do another three year term to the deanery. There were only two other people beside Mary and I that had been to deanery meeting previously. We did not have an official vote on this. I am willing to stay on if that is the calling, however I will miss the June APC meeting – to do a pilgrimage to the Holy land that I will be going on.

Waukesha west Meetings

- Fall Meeting: Tuesday October 10th 2023 – St. Joes Big Bend
- Sprint Meeting: Tuesday April 30th, 2024 – St. Catherines