



Gathering of Deacons and Lay Ministers

August 25, 2017

8:30 AM to 2:30 PM (Lunch is included)

Our deacons and our lay staff members are essential to the ministry of the Church, most especially in our parish communities. As coworkers in the vineyard of the Lord, we collaborate in leading our parish communities into the future.

Over the last year, the priests and parish directors of the Archdiocese met three times to discuss their concerns and hopes, and to plan for the future of our parishes. The priests and parish directors established a clear vision for parishes and developed parish models that will help guide priests' placement in the future. Out of these three forums, [new models of parish](#) and [new models of leadership](#) emerged.

Now we need YOUR help! Join us for this gathering, where we will explore how the Church is changing, and how it affects your ministry. At this day, you will have the opportunity to hear about future directions for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, discuss your hopes, concerns and needs, and hear from seasoned peers.

Schedule

8:30 AM Gathering and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM Prayer

Welcome and Introductions

Session I: The Changing Face of the Church

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The Leadership Roundtable

Prior to joining The Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, Jim served as Director of Parish Services and Planning for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He has held several ministerial roles in both in this diocese, and the diocese in his home country, Australia. Jim holds graduate degrees in pastoral counseling, counseling, educational administration and business administration. Through his work at The Leadership Roundtable, Jim works with parishes and dioceses to help them prepare for leadership in the future.



Session II: Future Impact for Deacons and Lay Ministers

In this session, all of our deacons and lay ministers will have the opportunity to discuss the new models of parish and leadership, and discuss their hopes, and need for the future.

Lunch

Session III: Ministry in a Changing Church

In this session, we will explore the changes in parish life, in light of these new models.

Session IV: The Changing Face of the Church from the Local Perspective

Deacon Sandy Sites, Parish Director, Good Shepherd Parish, Menomonee Falls and St. James Parish, Menomonee Falls

2:15 PM

Closing Prayer and Send Off

This gathering is limited to deacons and lay parish staff members in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.