

Family Pastoral Planning Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 2, at 6:30 PM at the St. Francis church basement.

In attendance were Fr. Olsen, Deacon Dennis Anderson, Rita Reichmuth, Ann Prokopec, Paul Schemek, Aaron Fehringer, Kristi Vering, Jennifer Dunn, Andy Bishop, Brandon Morfeld, Marcus Urban, Gary Wieseler and Rose Wiese. Absent were Fr. Matthew Gutowski, Mike Podany, Jeremy Stoklasa, Ray Sueper and Shelley Reichmuth.

The meeting began with prayer.

The Family Pastoral Planning Questions from the Archdiocese Template were reviewed and discussed. This is a plan to help guide the transition of combining our parishes of St. Francis Humphrey, Holy Family Lindsay, St. Mary's Leigh, St. Michaels's Tarnov, and Ss. Cyril and Methodius Clarkson.

Discussions on Section 5

- *What has already changed in your Family in terms of collaboration between the involved parishes, missions and schools?* A family pastoral planning team has been formed between parishes. Collaboration between schools: shared teachers, co-oping one act and speech, shared retreats and student-led youth group.
- *Broad Family Movement towards Missional Communities* - Fr. Olsen discussed how we, as a parish Family, can become signs of contradiction in the world in which people notice differences and ask themselves, "Why are they doing that?". This opens the door for relationships and conversation in areas which can move them closer to God. By inviting our parish Family to a "shared sacrifice" such as abstaining from meat on all Fridays throughout the year instead of just during Lent, we are being a sign of contradiction and allowing the Holy Spirit to move lives through our sacrificial love and open hearts.
- *Staff Changes* (Simply thoughts and ideas at this point)
 - PRE Coordinator - Possibly would be one of the deacons. They would oversee PRE classes from each parish so everyone would be on the same page. Organize events between each parish such as Lent and Advent programs.
 - Possible Sacramental Coordinator - They would answer questions, set up dates for sacraments/preparation...possibly a deacon.
 - Family Maintenance Coordination – Coordinate bulk purchases for Family. Act as go between for parish finance councils and the pastor.
 - Website Coordinator-Volunteer.
- *Council Changes*
 - St. Francis and Clarkson both have a separate parish and financial council. They will each merge their two councils into one finance council.
 - "Family Pastoral Council" - the representative would be the president from each of the parish finance councils.
- *Clergy Residence Changes* - The goal of the Archbishop is that all priests in the Family live in one location in the hub of the Family. The house across the street from the church in Humphrey would be called the "Rectory", and the current rectory would be the "Offices".

- Family Communications - Parishes each have their own unique and special events. These events can get missed in the bulletin and/or on the websites. Discussion was held on how best to improve the “Parish Family” communications. Looking into a “Parish Family” website so all events are in one centralized location. Discussion was held on reorganizing the bulletins with a page/two-week calendar that is strictly for “Parish Family Events” open to all.
- Father asked for continued prayers for our schools and parish family.

The meeting closed at 7:50 PM and ended with prayer.

Next meeting is undecided.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Wiese