

Pastoral Planning 101

Tri-Parish Community meeting

Monday, March 12, ~ 8 pm ~ Freeport Church Basement

For: Sacred Heart-Freeport, St. Rose of Lima-St. Rosa,
Immaculate Conception-New Munich

Bring this insert with you to the meeting.

Future Planning for the Diocese of St. Cloud

Time Line...

- ⇒ May, 2018: Tri-Parish Task Force to send recommendations from parishioners to Diocesan Planning Commission.
- ⇒ Summer, 2018: Diocesan Planning Commission compiles recommendations and formulates plan.
- ⇒ September, 2018: Diocesan Planning Commission presents plan to Bishop Kettler.
- ⇒ October, 2018: Bishop presents plan to Priests.
- ⇒ November, 2018: Bishop presents plan to the Diocese.
- ⇒ July 1, 2019: Plan begins implementation.

How can Diocese sustain 131 parishes with projected 57 priests

Statistics: There are 131 parishes in Diocese of St. Cloud

- ⇒ 60 active diocesan priests
- ⇒ 50 retired diocesan priests (not all able to assist in parishes)
- ⇒ In the last 5 years: 16 retirements, 24 diocesan priests have died, 8 diocesan priests ordained
- ⇒ 50 permanent deacons
- ⇒ 10 stand alone parishes. The remainder are twinned or clustered.
- ⇒ 3 priests from foreign countries
- ⇒ Benedictines currently serve in 11 parishes
- ⇒ 4 parishes served by Parish Life Coordinators and a Sacramental Minister from the Crosiers
- ⇒ The Crosiers currently serve in 4 parishes
- ⇒ The Vincentians currently serve 6 parishes by 3 priests.
- ⇒ 31 schools
- ⇒ 22 Catholic sponsored hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living residences.



Defining a “Parish”

- ⇒ Is it a building where Mass is held?
- ⇒ Cannon Law states “A parish is a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church (diocese), whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor as its proper pastor under the authority of the diocesan bishop.”

How do you define a “Catholic Presence”?

If you can think beyond your pastor being the “Catholic Presence” in your parish, what would you need to maintain a Catholic Presence in your parish community?

- ⇒ Weekly Sunday Mass?

Does It Include...

- ⇒ Faith Formation program and Catholic schools?
- ⇒ Youth Faith-based activities?
- ⇒ Weekly Adoration?
- ⇒ Card parties?
- ⇒ Parish festivals?
- ⇒ Bible studies?

Having a “Catholic Presence” incorporates all these items and many more. It’s the collaborative efforts of our Pastor, Deacon, Parish & School Staff, and the many volunteers of our parish community.

My Thoughts: _____

What does it mean to have “quality parish life” and what resources does a parish need to have that quality of life?

- ⇒ The means to a “Quality Parish Life” is an active community working and growing together in their faith to serve God and help one another get to heaven. (Priests, Deacons, Staff, Lay Ministers, Volunteers, Social Outreach)
- ⇒ With the impending shortage of priests in the very near future, what might be possibilities of resources to support “quality parish life”?

How to support “quality parish life”: _____

Resources: _____
