



Diocese of Green Bay
PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2017

Attendees: Bishop David Ricken, Very Reverends Daniel Felton and Thomas Long, Monsignor James Dillenburg, Reverends Robert Kabat, Ron Colombo, Joel Sember, Timothy Shillcox, O. Praem., James P. Leary, OFM Cap, Jason Blahnik, Thomas Reynebeau, Philip Dinh-Van-Thiep and Robert Kollath

Excused: Reverends Richard Allen, Thomas Reynebeau, Joel Sember and Robert Kollath

Opening Activities

- Meeting opened at 10:06 a.m.
- Bishop Ricken led the Council members in the Liturgy of the Hours.
- June 6th meeting needs to be rescheduled for June 8th.
- A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- A motion was made to approve and adopt the meeting minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting as written. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Mission statement was recited by Council members.
- Priorities are listed on the back on the agenda.

Bishop's Opening Comments

Meitler is helping with a strategic plan for the schools. The parish study will help provide clarification of the needs of the parish. Look at the quality of parish life. Enliven the church, the diocese and our parishes. We live out discipleship through worship and through service. The priorities connected to the mission and vision statement are important. We are looking to align the curia with the mission. Administration is for the service of the mission.

Update on Priests/Report on Priests who are Ill Fr. Tom Long

Fr. Tom Long reported on priests and deacons who are ill or recovering from surgery.

Discuss Discipleship I and Discipleship II

Fr. Tom Long, Julianne Stanz, Bishop Ricken and Fr. Dan Felton

Fr. Dan went over a work sheet handed out regarding the timeline for discipleship.

Fr. Tom Long went over a second handout regarding discipleship for Clergy Congress. The second year is Follow Jesus. For Clergy Congress, start with the culture. When we bring this to others,

need to understand and know where they are at. Look at the culture in which we live. Social media can isolate people. Look at healing the wounds and understand how the sacraments provide healing. Share witness testimony. Look at the mission and vision statement. Look at what we should start, stop and keep doing. A focus on our mission helps determine what we keep doing. Clergy Congress will also look at parish culture and how we can help parish leadership form a discipleship path with them. Help individuals to use their gifts.

Bishop☒ We want to help people discern and discover what gifts they have and how to use them. Help them discover where they are being called to serve in the community.

Julianne☒ Worship Jesus after individuals have gone through engagement. Look at resistance and behaviors within a team. Accompany staff and key leaders. Strength based is activity based. Charism looks at your gifts. Provide healing in the Discover Jesus stage. Need to touch the wounds. Look at what is happening in the culture.

Fr. Dan☒ Change the frame around the picture. Put the frame of discipleship around the picture.

Discussion

- What does it look like to be a community of discipleship?
- What is a healthy discipleship culture?
- How would The Compass look if it is presented from the discipleship culture?

Had a discussion regarding alpha groups.

Discuss Engagement of Curia with Utech and Results of Parish Survey☒ Fr. Dan

Parish survey handed out. The BAC and curia are looking at the parish survey. The parish survey will start the conversation with what are some principles that need to happen between the curia and parishes. We need to have an updated understanding. Need to come to a common understanding of what this will look like. Look at how the curia will help parishes to be a community of disciples. Look at four or five guiding principles.

Bishop☒ Determine the most important guiding principles, those that help live out being a community of disciples.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 8th.

Q & A☒ Bishop Ricken

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary