



Diocese of Green Bay
PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2020

Attendees: Bishop David Ricken, Very Reverends Daniel Felton, John Girotti and Luke Ferris, Reverends Bill Hoffman, Adam Bradley, Tom Long, Bill Swichtenberg, Carl Schmitt, Daniel Schuster, Larry Seidl, Doug LeCaptain, Joel Sember, James Lucas, Timothy Shillcox, O. Praem., Barry Metzentine

Opening Activities

- Meeting opened at 10:03 a.m.
- Bishop Ricken led the opening prayer
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with one addition Fr. Luke added a 2021 Cost of Living discussion. Motion approved unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve and adopt the meeting minutes of the September 3, 2020 meeting as written. Motion approved unanimously.
- Mission statement was recited by Council members.

Bishop Opening Comments

We need to embrace the mission, vision and diocesan goals. Priests need to help promote vocations through prayer. There is a difference between working with the goals and embracing the goals. We help people to hear the call to embrace what that call is. We help them to recognize the call of Jesus in them. The call on their life is their vocation (marriage, diaconate, priesthood). Call forth and form. How do we walk with people in discipleship to help give them a sense of growth, and helping them form others? Each person should be forming two others. From missionary disciples, we can call out missionary leaders who can make disciples and lead others. I enjoyed my time out in the vicariates. Fr. Dan, Fr. Luke and I will be looking to get out into the vicariates. We can do some virtual meetings. We need to connect with one another, not just me but you with one another and connecting with your Regional Vicar and Fr. Dan working with the vicariates. These goals are huge, but they are going to be done one step at a time. Connect with other priests in your vicariate.

With the Vocation Goal, the Vocations Steering Committee is doing Holy Hour once per month. For the priests, the main thing we need to do is Holy Hour and we need to bring young people to Holy Hour. Secondly, Eucharistic Adoration and connect with the Lord. Recommend priests be part of the Holy Hour. Embrace the goals within the parishes. The diocese is all of us and these are fundamental values that we must embrace in each of our roles.

Update on Priests/Report on Priests who are Ill—Fr. Luke Ferris

Fr. Luke reported on priests who are ill.

Covid Data Snapshot of Parish State of Affairs—Fr. Dan and Dean Gerondale

Fr. Dan and Dean discussed mass attendance and a financial overview.

Dean—Mass attendance is about 16.1% versus 42.7% to capacity prior to Covid. This does not include any people streaming the Mass. Offertory is down 4.8% fiscal year to date. Parishes need to have a relationship with your parishioners. Make a connection with a parish member via in person or Zoom meeting. You can ask them for updates to household, offer electronic offertory and see if they have any sacramental needs.

Barry—On the Electronic Fund Transfer, our parish had an intentional communication to talk about the ease of electronic donations. Some parishes are looking creatively how they can continue donations/raffles. Build the relationships.

Dean—The communication process that we laid out in the Parish Webinar will be critical. The PPP fund has mostly been exhausted in the parishes.

Fr. Dan—Cash on hand is important. We are following this weekly and reaching out to parishes at risk.

Dean—Fiscal 2018-2019 offertory covered about 80% of our operating expenses. If we could get EFT % of all offertory to 50%, that would give consistency. We just produced a webinar to share with parishes on how to properly enter information into Gabriel.

Check-in: How are you, your parish and the priests you represent doing at this time-PC Members
The members each gave a check in.

Bishop’s Appeal Report/2020 Billing/2021 Goal – Tammy Danz, Josh Diedrich, Paul Kolbach

The Bishop’s Appeal 2020 raised \$5,910,000 from 27,551 families and individuals. The average gift went up to \$214. The Crozier Society members raise more than 50% of the Bishop’s Appeal goal. We have 115 parishes that have exceeded their goal. 41 parishes fell short of the goal, for a total amount short of \$201,252.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend the approval for St. Therese of Little Flower on behalf of the Diocese of Green Bay, Inc. to invoice 41 parishes that are short of the 2020 Bishop’s Appeal goal. The approximate billings are \$201,252. Motion carried with two members voting no.

This group discussed whether to raise the Bishop’s Appeal goal or keep it the same.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the Bishop’s Appeal goal by \$50K. Motion carried with one member voting no.

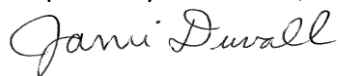
Q & A

Fr. Luke started a discussion on the Support and Benefits for Priests and Pastoral Leaders. This discussion will continue at the February meeting.

Bishop closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jami Duvall

Recording Secretary