



Diocese of Green Bay
PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2017

Attendees: Bishop David Ricken, Very Reverends Daniel Felton and Luke Ferris, Monsignor James Dillenburg, Reverends Joel Sember, Timothy Shillcox, O. Praem., James P. Leary, OFM Cap, Jason Blahnik, Philip Dinh-Van-Thiep, Robert Kollath, Richard Allen, Timothy Brandt, Robert Kabat

Excused: Reverend Dave Hoffman

Opening Activities

- Meeting opened at 10:04 a.m.
- Bishop Ricken led the Council members in the Liturgy of the Hours.
- 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 August 17, 2017 meeting as written. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Mission statement was recited by Council members.

Bishop's Opening Comments

Thank you for being here. There is a lot going on within the diocese.

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

Gloria, the priest nurse, has been working with senior priests and international priests. Fr. Luke Ferris reported on priests and deacons who are ill or recovering from surgery. Fr. Luke gave an update on Clergy Congress with the survey. Overall, there was good feedback.

Fr. Dan went over the Discipleship Formation Seminars handout. Keep the priests one year ahead of the next wave of leaders and/or groups. Evangelization is important to all of the other key components. Have an organic growth.

Report on Diocesan Encuentro—Deacon Tony Abts & Carlos Hernandez

Encuentro is a national movement and Encuentro means Encounter. Deacon Tony Abts lead the group with the Encuentro Prayer. Deacon Tony Abts and Carlos Hernandez talked about Encuentro.

Five areas as top priorities:

1. Pastoral Ministry—need for priests to understand the language and culture. (Ministry to the Hispanics by the priests and lay ministers)
2. Youth Ministry—as we look at the generational change. The youth are becoming more Americanized, and they are moving away from their culture and faith. There is an opportunity right now with Youth Ministry.
3. Faith Formation for all people, young and adults. Faith is formed in the sense of cultural, but need to offer a deeper level.
4. Evangelization
5. Funding and support

Update & Feedback on Disciple Formation Seminars & Alpha—Fr. Dan & Joe Tremblay
Fr. Dan talked about the different waves for Discipleship Formation Seminars. The ongoing formation puts into place the opportunity for new diocesan employees, parish staff and parish leadership to go through the same. Burning Hearts helped with the discipleship formation seminars. In 2020, there is a point where we move from discipleship to missionary discipleship. The Catholic schools and Religious Education are being looked at. All of this has an Alpha component.

Joe Tremblay talked about Alpha and the frequently asked questions. There will be about 10 Alpha facilitator training classes offered. Include key volunteers with the key leaders with Alpha in the parish. With the current pilot parishes, many intend to offer Alpha three times per year. Alpha is a great way to discern future leaders.

Report on Parish, School & Capital Campaign Planning

Barry Metzentine went over a draft of the Parish Mission Planning. Look at community impact. Bring this into one common base-line parish planning process with an emphasis on missionary discipleship and New Evangelization. Incorporate Catholic schools and Religious Education planning with capital campaign. How it works, it begins with the end in mind. Move leaders and followers toward a shared vision and common mission. The big picture shows how it works with assessment, alignment, action and outcome. Bring in a new paradigm. There is a small group of parishes going through the pilot wave.

A motion was made and seconded to move forward with the seamless parish planning and to encourage our Presbyteral committee to pursue this line of practice. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Bishop's Appeal & Cathedraticum—Josh Diedrich and Paul Kolbach

Bishop's Appeal—Josh Diedrich

The Bishop's Appeal 2017 raised just over \$5.9M from 30,520 families. The average gift went up to \$194. The Crozier Society has increased to 3,285 members. Every parish in the diocese has a Crozier family. There are 287 new Crozier members. There are 110 parishes receiving a refund who have exceeded their goals. 46 parishes fell short of their goal, for a total of \$166,396. When we look at 2018 Bishop's Appeal goal, I would like to suggest a goal of \$5.4M.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend Bishop to request the invoice to those 46 parishes short of their goal. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the Bishop's Appeal to \$5.4 million for 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Cathedraticum—Paul Kolbach

Reviewed current Cathedraticum assessment including its allocation among the Canonical Offices of the Diocese. Based upon current and expected needs, Paul recommended a 2.5% increase.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the Cathedraticum for 2018-2019 by 2.5%. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Disciples on the Way: Diocesan Jubilee 1868-2018—Bishop Ricken

The books are out and there is a book and a graphic novel. The Cathedral will be done with its renovation by December 3rd. The Chrism Mass will be the major celebration for priests and parishes. There will be one monthly Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral beginning in January. There are many groups included with the Jubilee Masses. There are posters you can hang in your parish. The Jubilee Masses are a symbol to discipleship. With the Chrism Mass, each parish will be invited to bring an item to add to the time capsule. Channel 5 has been involved with the video and will air it. Tickets are needed for the Masses.

Q & A—Bishop Ricken

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jami Rogne
Recording Secretary