

Area Catholic Community Meeting  
June 26, 2019, at St. James Church, Randall, MN

**NEXT MEETING; JULY 10, 2019. ST. JAMES CHURCH, RANDALL 7 PM**

**Opening Prayer**, Fr. Jimmy

**Attendees:** Fr. Ben K and Fr. Jimmy J.;

St. Stanislaus, Sobieski:	Joyce Borash, Michael Retka;
Holy Family, Belle Prairie:	Darrell Welle
LOLO, Little Falls:	Kaitlin Pohland
Sacred Heart, Flensburg:	Jim Carlson, Carol Merten
St. James, Randall:	Gail Johnson, Bill Kuesel
St. Mary's, Little Falls:	Brigid Fitzgerald
MOL School:	Mary Sowada, Asst. Principal
Pastoral Associate:	Kaitlin Pohland

**Absent:** John Radermacher, St. Mary's  
Joel LaForce, LOLO  
Jessica Brigman, Holy Family

**Discussion of WORD: Faith Formation: Information from each parish.**

**Many of the parishes have similar practices**, highlights :generally there is summer Totus Tuus for kids, Steubenville for teens, Theology on Tap, sacramental formation, some have Sunday Mass children's liturgy while others have dedicated Family Masses, adult studies, PF3 nights, Living stations of the cross, TEC, living rosary, RCIA, Divine Mercy Chaplet, men's day at St. John's, First Monday Masses, training for youth participation in Services, prayer groups, Schoenstadt program, Christian Mothers, Lenten bible studies, Adoration, priests involved in the schools regularly.

**POSITIONS FOR THIS COMMITTEE:**

CHAIRPERSON:	BILL KUESEL
SECOND CHAIRPERSON:	JIM CARLSON
COMMUNICATION LIAISON:	MICHAEL RETKA
SECRETARY:	BRIGID FITZGERALD, KAITLIN POHLAND

**MEETING NIGHTS:** WEDNESDAYS IN SUMMER - EVERY OTHER WEEK IN SUMMER; later in summer will determine meeting days, times and frequency for rest of year.

**AGENDA:** Priests and Chair will prepare each meeting's agenda.

Will begin by using meetings to go through the listed elements on the grid sent out prior to first meeting. This first meeting covered WORD: FAITH FORMATION.

Time Line from diocese will be followed with plan to have final report to diocese in approximately 6-7 months.

Review of Parish Data: Priests will obtain data (financial, staffing, etc.) from each parish staff which is largely put together mid-August. This committee will together review it.

Seek information from other ACC groups that are farther along as to type of outline they followed, while noting we can establish fully our own agenda to determine what data tells us and how we ultimately determine to use it going forward.

Prior to submission of report to diocese, it will be submitted to parish councils and any other group the committee determines.

**COMMUNICATION:** To ensure our fellow parishioners are aware of our work, we will have the Communication Liaison prepare a summary of our meetings which will be distributed in various ways (insert to bulletin, copies left at church, FB, website, etc.) List of all committee members, with contact information, will be provided to all parishes in similar manner and parishioners encouraged to provide input to committee members throughout the process. We must continue to remind ourselves and our parishes that this is an open ended process we are embarking on. It is likely this process will include reviewing practicalities of parish life, spiritual growth, recognizing the many differing viewpoints which exist now and may continue to exist following the report, need for grieving any recommended changes made by this committee. This is a goal setting year, there are no changes occurring this year.

**COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:**

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE WITH CONTACT & PICTURE, FLYER INTO BULLETIN.

Mention meetings at Masses

MIKE will prepare summary, send to Chair, Asst. Chair, Priests and Secretary for review prior to submitting it for inclusion in bulletin with ongoing meetings dates and invite feedback.

EXTRA COPIES in church entries of the minutes, grid once completed,

EXTRA COPIES of Bishop's discussion of this in his articles in diocesan magazine should be in church entries to help fellow parishioners understand what we are doing.

BULLETIN, FB, WEBSITE

POSSIBLY HAVE A 6 PARISH INFORMATION NIGHT? NO MORE THAN ONE HOUR, ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT. Will discuss further.

**BRAINSTORM OF POSSIBLE GOALS THE COMMITTEE COULD CONSIDER ALONG THE WAY:**

Mass counts more often than July and October

ACC updates given by committee member to each parish council regularly

Develop one identity for this Grouping - Do we consider a name for our ACC grouping? How? Have parishioners suggest names.

Grow it by having one event for all 6 parishes - integrated.

Note: Each parish will continue to retain its individual finance committee as required by Canon Law.

Potential good/not so good of having one budget/financial/accounting person for grouping  
Staff usage

What other models have been used - get info from Priests

Could grouping in future use one magazine, newsletter for all parishes, if so, including the ACC final plan would get it to all registered families.

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