**ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, December 13, 2021**

*Present: Most Reverend Mitchell Rozanski, Most Reverend Mark Rivituso, V.G., Rev. Msgr. Dennis Stehly, V.G., Very Rev. Msgr. Mike Turek, Very Rev. Dan Shaughnessy, Very Rev. Brian Fischer, Very Rev. Joseph Post, Very Rev. Msgr. Mark Ullrich, Very Rev. Charles Barthel, Very Rev. Scott Jones, Very Rev. Paul Niemann, Rev. Chris Martin, Rev. Pat McDevitt, CM, Nancy Werner, Mike School (by Zoom), Thomas LaMantia, Kitty Brighton, Steve Ringkamp, Kim Reid, Jerry Keeven, Patricia Drury, John Blase, Debbie Geringer, Thomas Purcell, Sister Suzanne Giblin, CSJ, Paul Arand, Bob Dobsch, Deacon David Schaefer, Deacon Thomas Gottlieb, Sister Marysia Weber, RSM, Sister Susan Marie Krupp, ASCJ, Angie Moser, Alayna Mickles, Linda Putnam, Peter Frangie, John Schwob, Angela Miller, Jennifer Stanard*

* Welcome and Introductions by Archbishop Rozanski:

He welcomed new members. Appreciation to APC for bringing expertise to us.

* Mike School, Catholic Leadership Institute

**Update on *All Things New***

Why a Strategic Pastoral Planning Process?

1. A Renewed church: gospel renewal in our parishes, schools ministry efforts
2. A renewed mission: enhance evangelization efforts
3. A vibrant future: future of the Archdiocese of St. Louis

Goals:

1. Unceasing prayer
2. Unifying vision
3. Intentional stewardship

Since we last met:

Continued work with ATN Core Team

ATN Workstream groups:

 -Prayer and evangelization

 -Communications

 -Catholic Schools

 -Data Collection

Key Advisory Bodies & Coordinators

Archdiocesan Level:

 -core team

 -task forces

 -Archdiocesan Pastoral Council

 -Archbishop’s leadership team

 -deans

 -priest council

 -finance council

 -ministry councils

Parish Level:

 -pastors and parish life coordinators

 -primary points of contact

 -key parish leaders

January 25, 2022 – launch day

Over next 6 months:

Complete first two phases (process development and clergy/lay leader process orientation)

Webinars for priests and others in January

March 2, 2022 – disciple maker index: survey and experiences at parish

August 19, 2022 – kickoff for beginning of feedback sessions

* Fr. Chris Martin, Vicar for Strategic Planning

Asking people “is your parish vibrant”? It’s time to re-examine our identity and mission, look at our resources. This is plan for evangelization. Permeate this plan with prayer. We are not trying to fit God into a plan; we are opening ourselves up to God’s plan for the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Currently, there are lots of division in parishes due to Covid.

**Prayer and Evangelization Workflow**

Prayer:

 Holy Hours

 -Curia---Amy Buehrle, Brian Miller

 -Deanery---Jane Guenther

 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (to begin in January)

 -Fr. Martin

 Homily Tips/Petitions

 -Priest Subcommittee (Fr. Ray Buehler)

 Healing Conversations and Services

 -Bishop Rivituso, Jane Guenther

 Days of Recollection for Priests (need to equip priests deal with division and enable them to help parishioners)

 -Fr. Peter Fonseca

 Prayer recommendations, resources for spiritual warfare

 -Jane Guenther

 Ongoing prayer suggestions/creations

 -Fr. Martin, Fr. Nick Smith

 Evangelization:

 Creation of Parish Content

 Brian Miller (Evangelization and Discipleship), subcommittee (monthly)

 Amy Eschelbach (Youth Outreach), subcommittee

 Angela Miller (Young Adult), subcommittee

**Small Group Discussion**

1. What do you like and/or think will resonate with parishioners across the Archdiocese?

-hunger for authenticity

-holistic approach and openness to input

-understanding that priests are wearing a lot of hats and need support

1. What don’t you like and/or think will not resonate with parishioners across the Archdiocese?

-“Evangelization” and “Discernment” concepts are too vague to embrace

1. What do you think is missing that should be included?

-emphasis in evangelizing our own people first

-relate information to various cultural groups, more resources to different groups that are not adequately represented

-addressing the Covid separation now in parishes and schools. Lots of frustration with communication – not a clear message. Extraordinary division in parishes. Opportunity for healing. Covid stimulated behavior that existed already but wasn’t prevalent. Fault isn’t just with Covid. Results in polarization.

-clear that conversion is God’s work and we are inviting people into something simple

-people pray in different ways. Offer a prayer profile on archdiocesan website.

* Nancy Werner, Chancellor and Peter Frangie, Strategic Communications & Planning

Goal is to make sure that every Catholic in St. Louis has information about *All Things New*

Think about what you think the role of the APC should be. How should we communicate with you? And how often?

Engage local, regional and national media and other outlets to communicate. But we must own our story.

For external communications, we will use digital outlets. Provide digital press kits.

Also *St. Louis Review* and *Catholic St. Louis* publications for features and ads.

Must communicate internally – share story first internally so parishes can be better communicators.

* Closing comments from Mike School and Father Martin

-Experience Fresh has been hired to assist with digital content

-need to look at questions we are asking; need to ask what we have done well, have so much to build on

-need to define “evangelization”, give concrete and age-appropriate examples

-no money will be raised for *All Things New*, will use our financial resources in other ways

* Final Comments and Closing Prayer by Archbishop Rozanski

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

**Location: Cardinal Rigali Center**

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Monday, December 12, 2022 – Mass, Dinner and Meeting