

Joint Cluster Meeting- 1/24/22
7:00 OLL Parish Center

Called to order: 7:10PM by Peter Bemis

Members present:

OLL: Chad Keller, Peter Bemis, Natalie Brochtrup, Jim Barton, Pam Huiras, Rick Schwab, Bonnie Steffen, Antonette Zellmer, Fr. Gideon

DS: Bill Johannes, Bob Bichler, Lora Schroeder, Mary Navis, Sarah Heisler, Jennifer Thill, Barb Duenk, Jim Kretz, Scott Ehaney

Guests: Leon Jacoby, Deb Hamm

1. Opening prayer: Jacob Birenbaum (presented by Peter Bemis)

2. Education Home and School report:

*DSCS will be receiving a \$10,000 Catholic Charities grant to be used toward the purchase of interactive TV's for each classroom

*Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Jan. 31-Feb. 5. The students will sing at the 10:00 Mass on Jan. 30 and at the 8:15 Mass on Feb. 6.

*Two students have celebrated the sacrament of Baptism this year at DSCS. in the last 10 years, 8 students have celebrated Baptism.

*See the Principal's report for additional information.

3. Pastor's report- Fr. Gideon

Fr. Gideon thanked the councils for their continued support and said that the relationships he has made make the leaving difficult, but he has been blessed to be part of the cluster parishes.

Fr. Gideon updated the councils on the status of his upcoming reassignment. At this time, there are several candidates that are potentially interested in this assignment. He should know his future assignment and the cluster parishes should know who will be assigned to OLL/DS near Easter.

Fr. also discussed the Love One Another Campaign and the Come to Me Initiative. Discussion points will be summarized in the Old Business.

Additionally, Fr. Gideon received a letter from the Archdiocese that Deacon Maleug is officially retired. He will continue to participate in parish events and activities as his health allows.

4. Old Business:

a. Love One another Capital Campaign

*Several council members attended the Kick Off meeting. The strategy of the campaign is to involve every parish. Archdiocesan staff will provide proper guidance and support to the parishes.

*The goal is to raise 140% of the offertory total. The Archdiocesan goal is \$150 million.

*A minimum of 60% stays in the parish. If the parish goal is exceeded, the percentage that stays in the parish will increase.

*The campaign will run for 5 years.

*Archbishop ListECKi is planning on retiring in the next 2 ½ to 3 years. He wants to make sure the parishes are secure and thriving in his departure.

*The campaign will benefit parishes, schools, the seminary, Catholic Charities and Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

*We are currently in Phase One which involves identifying volunteers with trainings scheduled for Jan. 30 for Holy Cross and Feb. 6 for OLL.

*The public outreach inviting families to participate will begin in March.

b. Lenten Reflection Series

i. **Tuesdays-** March 8/15/22 with 6:00 Mass

ii. **Hospitality-** A soup and bread supper will be provided by Pastoral Councils dependent upon location

iii. **45-60 minute reflection/speaker-** Deacon Maleug, Fr. Bob Stievater and Fr. Gideon will provide the reflections. The theme is "The Basics of Lent: Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving".

iv. **Location:** March 8 at OLL, March 15 at Holy Cross and March 22 at OLL. Each Parish Council is responsible for coordinating their home event and providing soup. Councils should plan for 60 attendees.

c. Ministry Fair Update:

*Each council should coordinate their own event. Target date is at the end of Lent. Suggestions were to have events on different dates and pair them with hospitality. DS is looking at hosting on March 13.

*Councils should reach out to ministries that may be interested in hosting a booth (St. Vincent de Paul, That Man Is You, Family of Faith, I Still Do, etc.). There was a suggestion to reach out to Youth Ministries (Mission Trip, Young Adult Bible Study) as well.

d. Parish Initiative: Come to Me

***Council homework- watch videos and discussion-** We are calling people back to Mass. We're committing to "1%" prayer (about 15 minutes a day).

*The purpose is to help people feel like they belong and to feel welcome in our parishes with an emphasis on "greet, meet and mingle".

*How do we do this? Deb Hamm is asking council members to e-mail her names of people we feel would be good candidates to participate in upcoming trainings. Deb is also working on an article with tips and advice for the bulletin.

*Discussion of the videos encouraged people to step outside their comfort zone by striking up a conversation with people at Mass.

5. New Business:

- a. Men of Christ Conference:** March 22, 2022 from 8:00-1:30 at the Holy Cross Chapel.

*Eric Riesselmann, Jeff Sauer (DS), Peter Bemis and Jim Barton (OLL) are contact people.

*The event will be livestreamed and will begin with Mass. There will be an opportunity for Reconciliation.

*A notice will be in the bulletin and people can register online at www.menofchrist.net. There will be a tab to allow you to register at Holy Cross (Fredonia).

- b. Fr. Gideon's Going Away Party-** Discussion regarding Fr. Gideon's Farewell party involved finding a date and theme (pot luck, ice cream social, etc.).

- c. Deacon Maleug's retirement party-** Deacon Maleug does not want a formal party. Discussion centered around ways to show appreciation for his years of service to the parishes. Thank you cards and a gift were options that were discussed. Gift ideas included a quilt made by the Quilting group and perhaps a bench.

- d. Any other new business- none**

6. Adjournment: motion by Mary Navis

Seconded by: Bill Johannes

Adjournment time: 8:32 PM

Next meeting;

March 28 @7:00 @Holy Cross Chapel

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Brochtrup
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