June 2021 - Pierce Deanery – Strategic Planning

Subcommittee Updates

Communication Update

- Team collected bullet points from the subcommittees and issued reports for May 2021 and June 2021. This latest updated report includes additional bullet points from the recent Stakeholders meeting. Subcommittee updates were sent to all members, Leadership team and Stakeholders for distribution throughout their Parishes
- May 2021 updates are on the Archdiocese website
- Team collected updated bullet points from subcommittees for June 2021. Update sent to all subcommittee, Stakeholders, Archdiocese and Priests June 30, 2021. Second update created and sent out July 14, which included updates from Stakeholders July 12th, 2021 meeting. Targeted date for availability on the Archdiocese website July 19, 2021
- Team created a Strategic Planning plan with recommendations for the new parish leadership for distribution to the Stakeholders for their July 12 meeting.
- The subcommittee is ready to schedule a meeting with Fr. Tuan for presentation of our findings and obtain additional direction. Target date July/August 2021.

Liturgy Update:

- The Liturgy Support subcommittee held eight meetings from March through June, with members from all five of the merging parishes.
- We completed our survey of the liturgical and devotional life of each of the parishes, and are now working on recommendations for the future of the parish.
- We have discussed and have formulated answers to the questions: (1) How can we incorporate diversity in our liturgies? (2) How do we liturgically catechize? (3) What devotions will we have regularly or at various times of the year? (4) How will we continue to evaluate the sacred liturgy? (5) How do we merge liturgical ministries? (6) In the best of all possible worlds, what would the liturgical life of the new parish look like?
- The subcommittee is scheduled to give our final report on July 21.

Faith Formation Update:

- The subcommittee continued making progress on the Faith Formation Spreadsheet to capture all faith formation programs in each parish - including multicultural and different language and Eucharistic faith programs. It is nearing completion, needing further refinement of details.
- We agreed to wait until the formation of the new parish to start the list of potential volunteers for the faith formation programs. A current list of volunteers identified in the spreadsheet to be maintained.
- Following a general calendar discussion, the subcommittee agreed to recommend
  (1) that Fr. Tuan add a representative from each of the merging Parishes to the existing St. Ann parish pastoral council to establish the new parish liturgical observance and Faith Formation programs using the created Faith Formation Spreadsheet as a guide.
  (2) Incorporate the feast days and celebrations from Holy Rosary after 1 July 2021.
  (3) Saint John of the Woods has no issues for Faith Formation, and they will manage their own liturgical calendar as a mission as approved by Fr. Tuan.
  (4) Visitation can be deferred until 2022.
- The members of the current Faith Formation Subcommittee asked to stay connected and be ready to reconvene in January of 2022 in anticipation of the final complete merger into the new parish if required.
- For this coming year, there will be a joint RCIA program (Saint Ann, Saint John, and Visitation).
- The Confirmation retreat will be done jointly as well.
- All other faith formation will continue on their separate parish tracks for this year.
- The subcommittee is ready to schedule a meeting with Fr. Tuan for presentation of our findings.

History/Archives Subcommittee:

- The archivist has completed the inventories of each parish.
- The subcommittee will spend the remainder of the summer working on getting surveys to parishioners about which items are important to them.
- The subcommittee expects to continue its work through the final merger and beyond.

Facilities Subcommittee:

- Working on assimilating information received from the various subcommittees.
- St. Ann facilities capacity is currently 100 – 130% with Faith Formation programs.
- Meetings to assess school needs are ongoing.
- Since the Governor opened up meetings, Fr Tuan is receiving calls asking to start up various events and in-person meetings.

School Subcommittee:

- Working through the school calendar to determine best time to move.
- Pastor/school relationship is strong.
- Last meeting was especially helpful regarding Visitation school & St Ann facility.

Outreach Subcommittee:

- Meetings currently on hold for summer.
- A general lack of volunteers in outreach ministries due to the merger and COVID.
- Working to develop a strategy to encourage involvement.
- Encouraged the Joint Subcommittee to meet with or without the Chancery Director.