

DEANERY ASSEMBLY REPORT FORM – Spring 2024

Deanery: Dodge Washington

Meeting Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 at St. Gabriel, Hubertus

Report Submitted By: Gwendolyn Hermes and Tracy Malterer

Attendance, by Parish:

Annunciation--Gwendolyn Hermes

Holy Angels—Kevin Neugent and Tim Riedl

Immaculate Conception—Harold Diercks

Resurrection—Kyle Rate

Sacred Heart—Tracy Malterer

St. Boniface—Mindy Sorenson and David DelPonte

St. Francis Cabrini—Lysette Kopecky

St. Gabriel—Carolyn Weyker and Janet Kummeth

St. Katharine Drexel—Julie Ferstl

St. Killian—Jack Baus

St. Mary of the Hill—Dick Facette and Janey Libbey

St. Peter—Dan Kern and Joel Schodron

Guests—Deacon Dale Nees, Deacon Manuel Maldonado, Jenny Michaels

1. Did your deanery need to discern a new APC representative? Yes _____ No X
If Yes, who was selected? (Name, parish, email, phone, and mailing address please)

2. Did you have a presentation on a specific topic? Yes X No _____
If Yes, what was the topic, who was the presenter, and what were the main points of the presentation?
Guests Deacon Dale Nees, Deacon Manuel Maldonado, and Jenny Michaels from the Archdiocese Office of Diaconate Formation presented on the role of a deacon, the timeline for preparation and the process of formation. Each parish rep received an “Inquirer’s Folder.” The presentation was well received and there was a lengthy period of Q&A.

3. Comments or Questions from Meeting Topics Discussed:
- Office of Communications (December 2 APC meeting) - One parish rep asked that the email invitation for the monthly Coffee, Christ and Communications zoom meeting be shared again.
 - Eucharistic Revival Update (March 16 APC meeting) - Many of the comments for the ‘homework’ related to the Eucharistic Revival, but there were no questions or concerns about the summary provided of Margaret Rhody’s presentation.

4. Deanery Items for the Attention of the Archbishop (successes, challenges, questions)
- Items you are glad to see being addressed or feel should be brought to the attention of the archbishop (record one item for each parish):
 - Homework from the Archbishop** – How is your parish deepening its understanding of the Eucharist?

Immaculate Conception

- Glad that Diaconate Formation is being stressed in our Archdiocese, as he has heard reports that it is not stressed in Diocese of Green Bay
- Parish has developed a “Eucharistic Challenge” bookmark with specific tasks to accomplish each month. April’s Challenge is to practice greater reverence at Mass.

St. Katharine Drexel

- no comment

- b. Parish has brought back the Precious Blood within the past month, for the first time since COVID

St. Francis Cabrini

- a. Glad the Archdiocese is taking a contingency to the NEC, as she and her husband wouldn't have gone if they had to make all the arrangements on their own.
- b. Local Eucharistic Procession from Holy Angels to St. Francis Cabrini, expecting 400 to attend, and then celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Adoration Chapel at the end of the Procession.

Resurrection

- a. Commenting on the success of the LOA campaign at own parish and throughout the Arch.
- b. Presentation on Eucharistic Miracles 4/15 by Deacon Bob Dierks.

St. Boniface

- a. Happy the Archdiocese is promoting Diaconate Formation, but question remains as to **how to reach a potential aspirant, how to plant the seed?** Local Knights currently sponsor Vocation Nights. Happy to hear of the size of recent Deacon classes and that younger men are being formed.
- b. Remodeling and updating the parish, with education to parishioners, regarding why certain changes are being made, for example, moving the side altars. Also having presentations after 10:00 Mass, to increase members' understanding of the Eucharist, arranged by Fr. Mike.

St. Gabriel

- a. Parish was very pleased with the Emmaus 90 program.
- b. Parish will be having the traveling Eucharistic Miracles exhibit June 15&16; school has Eucharistic Adoration; Deacon Schauer (sp?) from Green Bay presented on his book; small group studies on This Is My Body and Beautiful Eucharist; Gratitude and Intercessions after Mass.

Holy Angels

- a. Struggling with what is the end goal of the Eucharistic Revival. What are the measurable objectives to see if the efforts have "worked"? Reluctant to do things just for the sake of doing them. **How can the Archdiocese help with measurable metrics? Also, when will women be able to be deacons?**
- b. Parish Mission in the fall (9/17-9/20): Theology of the Eucharist, Prayer and Worship, Miracles of the Eucharist Presentation, Dan Schutte and Worship music

St. Peter

- a. Having a Mass of Celebration for parishioner Nick Dhein who is being ordained.
- b. Eucharistic Miracles presentation by Bob Dierks. Honored to have the National Eucharistic Procession coming through the Archdiocese to their parish.

St. Mary of the Hill

- a. no comment
- b. Of note, parish is building a new church. Small group book studies targeting greater understanding of the Eucharist, including Becoming Eucharistic People; all night Adoration sessions; parish is open to taking Eucharist from kneelers to show greater reverence.

5. Any Other Comments

6. Future Meeting Dates, Time, and Location:

Fall 2024 Meeting

Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Location: St. Joseph, Waupun

Note: Deanery reports and meeting schedules should be sent to Tom Fredrickson at fredricksont@archmil.org before May 15, 2023.