

Family of Parishes-General Meeting of Parish Pastoral Councils

June 6, 2018

7:30 p.m. Parish Office, Dublin

Present: Father Clare, Father Ben, Mary Blake, Lindsay Sills, Christine Mills, Deb McCarthy, Frank Vincent, Cathy Garrick, Angela Looby, Mark Vogels, Karen Doyle, Melita Cronin, Sonja Huitema, Steve Hulshoff, Ted Mabb, Ann Roobroeck, Marty Rops, Michelle Kolkman

1. What do we share now?

- a. Office
- b. Office staff-secretary and bookkeeper
- c. Marriage prep
- d. RCIA
- e. Men's Group
- f. Women's Group
- g. COR (along with other parishes)

2. Questions and concerns

- a. Mass/Parish Logistics and Organization
 - i. How many masses will we have in our family of parishes?
 - ii. What times will the masses be at each location? How will this be decided fairly?
 - iii. Will we have mass at each parish each weekend or will some parishes have a Liturgy of the Word only?
 - iv. Who will say masses? Will we have one priest and an associate pastor, two priests, or one priest and a deacon?
 - v. May need to consider having a parish Administrator who would oversee and attend meetings on behalf of the priest. This position would be like a coordinator in some capacity, sitting on various committees, allowing the priest to focus on other items.
 - vi. Would a Sunday night mass be an option?
- b. Where will the priest reside? We will have two houses available. Is Seaforth or Kinkora a better location?
- c. Is it possible for us to join websites now?
- d. How will this affect each parish financially? Father shared that each parish would remain independent as far as finances are concerned.
- e. How can we be a more vibrant church community?
 - i. What outreach project(s) can we do as a family of parishes?
 - ii. What ministries can we start to combine now? (youth ministry, bible camp, etc.)
- f. What will happen to the CWL, Cemetery Board and KofC from each parish? Will we be able/need to combine them?

3. Where do we go from here?

- a. Begin to think about possible outreach projects that can be done as one family of parishes.
- b. There is a Family of Parishes workshop being held in September that will be attended by the priests and ministry leaders (Fr. Ben is going to ask if it is possible for a representative from St. Vincent/Kinkora to attend with him)
- c. Plan to meet as a Family of Parishes every 4 months until we officially combine.
- d. Think about ideas to be added to future meeting agendas and let Father Clare know.

4. Additional Notes:

Next Meeting:

Date: October 10

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall, Mitchell