



## *Catholic Neighbors In Faith Renewal Update*

### **OutReach/InReach Pillar –**

We have a name!!! **Catholic Neighbors In Faith** – great name. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to come up with the names and be within the criteria provided, then to reduce it down to four names. Also, I would like to thank all those who voted for the name.

Next the OutReach/InReach Pillar plans on looking at the different ministries in the parishes. Evangelization, Social Justice, and Ministries for the Family of Parishes

### **Administration Pillar –**

The Administration Pillar has worked at reviewing the various sites for the best Central Office Location. There was much to consider, they gathered the information and provided their findings to Father Darrell. They have now split into three committees under the Administration Pillar so they can drill down deeper in the areas of HR/Personnel, Communications, and Central Office Efficiencies.

### **Liturgy Pillar –**

The Liturgy Pillar had for their first task a very important and difficult one. They were tasked to provide a recommendation on Mass times for the Weekday as well as the Saturday Vigils and Sunday Masses. They measured every pew in each worship site, except Our Lady of Victory Oratory, counted attendance, took into consideration the collections, as well as much more. They rose to the task and presented me their recommendations. They are now moving on to Confession times and Sacraments. The updated liturgical will be out shortly.

### **Stewardship Pillar –**

The Stewardship Pillar has been very busy. They have divided into three committees within the pillar. Welcome and Engagement Committee, Volunteer Committee and Financial Committee. They will begin drilling down deeper into each of the sections under those committees.

### **Spiritual Life Pillar –**

The Spiritual Life Pillar has gathered information on what is currently available within the Family at specific parish locations. They are now beginning to work on reviewing retreat information, devotions and reaching young people and Spanish community in our area as well as other items to strengthen our faith.

### **Forming Disciples –**

The Forming Disciples Pillar has visited locations to provide a thorough recommendation for where the Religious Education will be provided within the Family and when the switch to a Family Religious Education Program will occur. Their recommendation has been given to me. Next, they are tackling the curriculum for the Religious Education program for school age children. In the future they plan to research young adults and adult formation programs and/or events.

As you can see, the pillars are already hard at work. This is a work in progress, and we are all learning as we go. Please be patient with the pillar members, clergy, and myself. Please know that everyone is trying to look at all aspects, although we know not everyone is going to be happy with every decision, but a decision must be made. As you can see, recommendations are made and myself and my fellow clergy will have the final decision.

I look forward to getting a Catholic Neighbors in Faith website, bulletin, social media up and going.

Fr Darrell

### **Additional Information –**

**Summer Convocation** - For Vicar Forane, Pastors, Catechists throughout the Diocese will be meeting for a Summer Convocation at Canisius High School. If you fall under one of these and are interested in attending, please reach out to your current Religious Education Dept for additional information. RSVP's must be in by July 20, 2023.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Renewal Mass** – will be hosted on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica. Everyone is invited.

New weekend mass schedule starting the weekend of **September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Saturday:

4pm	St James
4pm	Our Lady of Snows
5:30pm	St Patrick

Sunday:

8am	St James
9am	St John
9am	Sacred Heart
10am	Our Lady Loreto
11am	Sts Peter and Paul
11am	St Patrick