



**Diocese of Green Bay**  
**DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 12, 2019**

**Attendees:** Bishop David Ricken, Very Reverends Daniel Felton and Brad Vanden Branden, O. Praem., Reverend Nonito Barra, Mary Poch, Jeff Taylor, John Folk, Clare DuMontier, Sister Natalie Binversie, OSF, Paula Freimuth, William Graf, Wally Thomson, Pat Ratajczak, Mark Merkatoris, Deacon David Scheuer and Betty Hove

**Excused/Absent:** Steve Parent, James Fay, Joyce Rolland, Dottie Borowski, David Wheeler, Michael Witte and Elizabeth Kostichka

**Opening Activities**

- Meeting opened at 9:04 a.m.
- Bishop Ricken led the assembled in the Liturgy of the Hours.
- Mission Statement was recited by Council members.
- A motion was made to approve and adopt the meeting minutes of October 13, 2018 as written with one addition, change Facebook to all social media options. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Introductions from each individually.

**Opening Comments—Bishop Ricken**

Bishop—Thank you very much for coming. Talked canonically about what the Diocesan Pastoral Council is. You are one of the primary consulting groups that the bishop has, along with Finance Council, Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors. The Pastoral Council helps to establish priorities and to hear from the field. This group has various members. This is part of the diocesan law, particular law. Parishes also have a Pastoral Council. Bishop is able to seek advice and have good discussions. I really appreciate everyone being here. We are moving forward with missionary discipleship. We have moved from 16 departments to 5 mission teams. Calling people to be disciples is a conversion itself. There is room to grow. We will be rolling this out to the parishes.

Since we did the school strategic plan announcement, we have had an increase in Catholic school enrollment.

**Update and Discussion on Seven Steps of Accountability—Bishop Ricken & Fr. Dan**

Bishop gave an update on the retreat he was at last week.

Bishop—Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap., apostolic preacher, or preacher to the papal household, was the speaker. Fr. Cantalamessa was very encouraging and very challenging. Get back to the spirit of the early church.

Bishop—At the listening sessions, people wrote down questions. There were four inserts in The Compass to answer the questions. The Internal Review Board recommended an independent review of the files. Defenbaugh came in and looked at the files. A report was given. The report was reviewed by the Independent Review Board. The Independent Review Board recommended that we publish the names. Victims will be contacted. Priests and/or families of deceased of offender will be contacted. Parishes who have had a priest offender will be notified. Priest and/or pastoral leaders will be notified prior and be given information. Publication of the list will be done on line and then printed the following week.

Fr. Dan—Names on the list will go back to 1906. All of the pages in The Compass were reproduced for bulletins. The Seven Steps of Accountability was handed out.

Bishop—I want to help the diocese heal. On January 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be a half-day session for Trauma Training. Trauma Recovery Group, they specialize in clergy abuse. They will help parish leadership learn how to identify abuse. We need to be aware of this. The next day we are offering to the community at large, especially the mental health field a day of training. We want the whole community to heal. This group does team formation.

## **Feedback & Discussion of Parish/School Alpha Experience—DPC Members**

The group shared what their parish/school is doing with Alpha. Overall there is a positive response to Alpha. A discussion also took place to talk about what are some options after Alpha for small groups.

Fr. Dan—Alpha should keep cycling. Part of it is intentionality. The people will start to tell the leaders what they want next. Practical means it is always being tested. Practice, try some things.

Bishop—In order to get them pointed in the same direction, too many things does not work. Need two or three things to focus on.

## **Update on “one by One” Capital Campaign**

Jeff—Was asked to be on an ad hoc committee to look at the one by One Campaign. Bishop had decided to postpone the campaign for a time until hearing recommendations from the ad hoc committee. There was a lot of thought and good conversation. Several groups were represented. Changing Our World is the consultative body helping to organize the campaign. There is going to be a campaign. There are waves set up, including pilot parishes, block 1, 2, 3. If you are a parish with no specific needs at this point, you would be engaged with the one by One campaign. If you are a parish that has specific needs, then you are doing a combined capital campaign. Changing Our World has done a really good job working with Catholic Foundation to say what is possible.

Fr. Dan—The capital campaign is \$70M with fifty percent of that going back to the parish and fifty percent to the diocese to support the teams.

Bishop—The main focus is helping our parishes to be much stronger, helping schools become schools of discipleship, vocations, works of charity and mercy. Reconnect in our community with more outreach. Look at what do we need to stop doing, start doing and continue doing.

Fr. Dan—Parish mission planning has an element of innovation. Parish mission planning is to look at what would be the resources that you need to who you are becoming. We put the campaign on pause until a decision was made in December. Various options were presented.

Jeff—What has been accomplished. All the procedures and capital campaign have been reviewed and looked at. There were 4 different models that were presented. What was decided is to move forward with Campaign Model 2. The pilot has 7 parishes, and if there are other parishes that have needs sooner, there may be more parishes moving in with the pilot parishes. This is our on ramp. The pilot phase will be a soft start for the next six months. In July 2019, that is when Block 1 will kick off.

Bishop—The one by One Campaign, it is a mission campaign. The capital One is Jesus and the small one is us and one by one we will be walking with others.

Fr. Dan—There is a flexibility. Every parish will be asked again which wave they want to be in. If a parish has immediate needs, they can shift sooner.

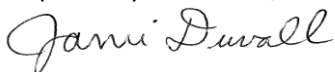
## **Q & A**

### **Closing Comments**

Thank you for all that you are doing and I look forward to the next meeting. The Jubilee Year celebrations went really well.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jami Duvall

Recording Secretary