



**Diocese of Green Bay**  
**PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 30, 2018**

**Attendees:** Bishop David Ricken, Very Reverends Daniel Felton, Luke Ferris and Philip Dinh-Van-Thiep, Monsignor James Dillenburg, Reverends James P. Leary, OFM Cap, Dave Hoffman, Richard Allen and Timothy Shillcox, O. Praem.

**Excused:** Reverend Jason Blahnik

**Opening Activities**

- Meeting opened at 10:01 a.m.
- Bishop Ricken led the Council members in the Liturgy of the Hours.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve and adopt the meeting minutes of the May 31, 2018 meeting as written. Motion approved unanimously.
- Mission statement was recited by Council members.

**Bishop opening comments**

**Update on Priests/Report on Priests who are Ill**

Fr. Luke Ferris reported on priests and deacons who are ill or recovering from surgery.

**Discussion of current affairs and impact on Priests that you represent**

There was a discussion on the current affairs. Part of the discussion talked about listening sessions.

**Discussion of the format and content of the upcoming Clergy Congress** Fr. Luke Ferris

Fr. Luke gave an update on the speakers and activities of the 2018 Clergy Congress

**Update on Parish Mission Planning and the one by One Mission Campaign** Barry Metzentine, Josh Diedrich and Jim Kopp

Barry went over updates. The Parish Mission Planning connects in with the Capital Campaign Planning. The process overall is going good. There is a real strengthening between parishes and schools. The school system integration is part of the process. Materials have been updated as we move into Wave 1 and will continue to be update as needed.

In Wave 1, we will have several rural parishes. We are adapting to rural parishes, sensitive to being flexible. A rural parish will not need as large of a team. We are looking for collaborative opportunities as some parishes might be operating in a sense of isolation.

The overriding sense of feedback is overall optimism. They are coming up with creative and innovative ways to invest in their community. This is a process of how we think differently about a plan. There are forty parishes in Wave 1. The support from the curia is cross-functional and is connected to several teams. People are appreciating the value.

Some observations from the group include that leadership from the curia are very helpful and it has been a positive experience.

With Mission Insight, we put parishioner data into it along with other data about the total population. Mission Insight does include seasonal data.

Josh Diedrich and Jim Kopp one by One campaign

Josh gave an update on the one by One campaign. Josh introduced Jim, a managing director at Changing Our World, Inc. A case for support was handed out. This campaign is designed to enhance and infuse new energy with the mission of this diocese. The case will go out to all clergy with a cover letter. This will have a direct impact on the parishes. We started with a feasibility study.

1. Case for support
2. Parish case is linked directly for parish planning.
3. Prospects meetings have been scheduled. We have a campaign policy advisory committee.
4. Plan personnel, have 4 staff working from the foundation staff and hired 2 additional field workers.
5. Campaign timeline amended slightly.
6. Case for support and collateral have been approved.

Bishop Ricken Jesus called his disciples one by one and that is the connection to the one by One campaign title.

Jim Kopp There is a significant need at the diocesan level and parish level. The parish will have a campaign director.

Bishop The schools are doing mission planning.

Fr. Dan There are new models and approaches to education. How you blend a campaign in a school system is new and different.

Josh It is an abundance versus scarcity. This is unique where parish planning goes into capital campaign. I give credit to Barry and the team, this is a real positive to include the schools as part of the planning process.

**Update on McCormick Assisted Living** Fr. Dan Felton

We are in the last stages of having an agreement in place. The priests living there independently will continue to be able to live there. The McCormick Corporation will remain.

**Report on the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help** Don Warden

The Shrine continues to look at long range planning in anticipating more pilgrims. Part of the strategy is acquiring land. Since 2010, there has been an annual increase of pilgrims by 15-20% each year. There is a capacity issue with the increasing number of pilgrims. We are looking to add a multi-purpose building to help accommodate a larger amount of pilgrims. The building will help with seasonal weather. The building will have movable sound proof walls to allow flexibility for

different size groups. We also will have a couple of patient rooms that can serve as first aid. We are working with the Order of Malta group. We have two presentations set up for current and future opportunities with the Shrine and Order of Malta. The placement of the new building is located in such a way that we can move ahead and repurpose the building.

In order for the Shrine to handle the many moving pieces, there was a decision reached to move the management responsibilities from the curia to the Shrine. The accounting and finance system has moved to a third party. The Information Technology will also be moving. We continue to have a discussion regarding the human resources part. Development is another big area right now. Looking at how we can work with the Catholic Foundation on development and also look at how much the Shrine should be doing. The Shrine will remain part of the diocese and the bishop will always be the chairman of the board.

The Shrine gained some awareness from a program on EWTN. The Catholic Media Association held their conference in Green Bay this year and they came out to the Shrine. There are many articles and free press coming in from the conference.

**Q & A** Bishop Ricken

Bishop thanked the group. There was a recommendation for Curia team leaders to come and give an update on their respective office areas.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jami Duvall  
Recording Secretary