

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORT FORM – FALL, 2012

District # 9 Report Submitted By: Ken Ristow

Comments/Evaluation of Evangelization Team Training

All comments were very positive concerning the training. Except for St. Dominic's all parishes have trained representatives and are meeting with their pastor/parish director. *All attending thought the PowerPoint used at the training session and the matching booklet should be made available for parish use as they build their plant. There was a consensus that the Archbishop should create a video to address evangelization to be showed to all parishes (much as he does for arch. Fundraising). There was also a consensus that part of the evangelization process in this district should involve an "evangelization Sunday" in this Year of Faith" that would be part of all parishes' efforts.*

St. Clements/Holy Name are meeting about "north side evangelization" Tuesday, November 13th. St. Dominic's will have their council liaison to our soon-to-be- recruited (hopefully) evangelization team. In this way we can begin on the ground floor with the other 2 parishes and work together on this.

Comments on Preparation for an Archdiocesan Synod

All parishes will put the relevant dates in the agenda on their calendars for planning purposes. Some interest in *how the parish representatives to the synod will be selected.*

Comments on Implementation of Finance and Pastoral Council Norms

Sheboygan parishes except Dominic's: current timetable is for full implementation of Finance Council in fall 2013. Both clusters already have a functional joint Pastoral Council and de facto Finance Council in place.

St. Dominic: a Pastoral Council should be established by summer 2013; once that is formed the Finance Council will be created.

St. John the Evangelist & Blessed Trinity: de facto Finance & Pastoral Councils in place.

St. Thomas Aquinas: de facto Finance & Pastoral Councils in place but more members need to be added to Finance Council to be in compliance with norms.

St. John the Baptist: representative not present to report.

Everyone present expressed the need for more clarification on what areas of archdiocese documents is uniform and what is subject to local variation. It was felt that the documents provided by the archdiocese are "models" not "templates". Once that is clearer all the parishes can move forward in making what is now a de facto situation a formal reality.

Comments on the Approval and Implementation of "2020 Parishes and Pastoral Leadership"

Every cluster moving forward with their model. Southside Sheboygan now addressing implementation issues of having a common pastoral team headed up by a pastor. Northside Sheboygan is waiting to see how the retirement of the Holy Name/St. Clement pastor will affect the St. Dominic model.

One need expressed: *current 2020 maps do not reflect areas of jurisdiction for some localities. This has some practical considerations. It was suggested the Chancellery map information be incorporated in the 2020 maps to better clarify jurisdictional boundaries.*

District Issues of Which APC Should be Aware

Please see various comments above that are *italicized*. In addition:

- There is still some concern on the fundability of funds in the bankruptcy process. When media reports discuss that plaintiffs seek access to parish, cemetery, Faith in our Future funds, some become concerned. Discussion centered on 1) there is no absolute certainty in providing an answer to these concerns, and 2) the presence at the Archdiocesan site of information that corrects any media reports. The address will be sent to all members. Perhaps parish bulletins should occasionally publish that address as well.