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THE PASTORAL PLANNING GROUP CONTINUES ITS WORK

"Now you are the body of Christ, and members in particular". I Corinthians 12:27

The 19th Ward / Cornhill / Bullshead Planning Group Leadership Team (PGLT) has begun to meet again after its summer hiatus. The group met on December 1st at Immaculate Conception Parish to kick off its renewed efforts. Included in this group are the following faith communities:

19th Ward / Cornhill / Bullshead PGLT

Immaculate Conception	Emmanuel Church of the Deaf	Monroe County Jail
SS. Peter and Paul	Univ. of Rochester	St. Mary's Hospital
Roman Catholic Community of the 19 th Ward		

The **SS. Peter and Paul Planning Team** includes:

Sr. Barbara Kuhn, SSJ

Joanne & Jerry Corcimiglia

Bob Papaj

At this point, all of the faith community planning groups have submitted to the PGLT a copy of their Major Issues report. This represents the culmination of each faith community's self-assessment, which was distributed earlier this year to our Parishioners.

NEXT STEPS

Now that all the parishes and faith communities have submitted their individual reports, the PGLT will review these reports to identify the issues which we have in common. From this list, the group will determine appropriate responses to the issues.

To facilitate the work of this group, the PGLT is composed of 4 sub-teams, with each sub-team being represented by one member from each faith community / parish in the Planning Group. The sub-teams were formed to concentrate on different areas of need and include:

Communications – will keep each faith community and parish apprised of the progress of the PGLT.

Configuration – will look at possible ways to improve the efficient operation of the faith communities and parishes, including addressing the shortage in the number of priests.

Collaborative Planning – will look at how faith communities and parishes can share programs and staff.

Finance and Facility – will assess the financial condition of the faith communities / parishes, the use of buildings, and the financial impact of plans developed by the Configuration and Collaborative Planning teams.

At any time, we welcome your questions, support, comments, and mostly your prayers! There will also be formal opportunities in the future when your feedback on the process can be presented.

Diocesan Website: You can access the website for the Diocese of Rochester at www.dor.org, which contains helpful information on Pastoral Planning.

Peace and Love in Christ.