

Vision 20/20 Steering Committee

4-8-19

Attending: Fr. Joseph Sia, Patti McTaggart, Sharon Roling, Michael Havercamp, Deacon Joe Dvorak, Deacon David Montgomery, Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Fr. Tony Herold, Julia Jones, Fr. Bill Reynolds, Deacon Ed Kamerick, Dan Ebener

Opening Prayer – led by Michael Havercamp

Minutes (Fr. Tony / Michael) were approved unanimously.

Agenda (Deacon Ed / Fr. Tony) was approved unanimously.

Bishop thanked everyone for their generous contributions of time and energy.

Dashboard Check-In:

Deacon Ed: Hearing enthusiasm in his part of the Diocese.

Fr. Tony: We are sending out lots of materials to parishes and through Clergy Notes. Some are acting upon it and others are not. More and more priests are getting on board.

Fr. Bill: His parish Lenten program, with lay people commenting on readings, has been met with great enthusiasm. Parish is messaging this in multiple ways.

Deacon Joe: His parish is excited about this. The parish team wrote personal notes to those who are not attending Mass.

Julia: Her team is excited. No high school youth, because of timing, but team includes college freshmen.

Michael: Most people he talks to don't know what Vision 20/20 is.

Bishop: We need a paradigm shift. Have to just keep moving forward.

Fr. Tony: Focus on going to the margins.

Fr. Joseph: Some pastors are worried their parishioners have to work during the Convocation.

Deacon David: 463 people have registered so far, with 394 adults and 31 youth.

The group decided to meet in Davenport at St. Vincent's at its **April 30** meeting.

Julia: She would like to have Mass at Kinnick.

Fr. Bill: We train pastoral staff to be "coaches" for evangelization.

Patti: We learn to be not just to do. We need to become carpenters of doing our faith but sometimes that means just being with people, e.g. go to funerals of un-churched people who die. Being around people and you say, "I want to be like that person".

Sharon: Distribute a booklet on “Proud to be Catholic” about famous people and their faith.

Deacon Ed: Help the evangelicals with the public carrying of the cross.

Parish Engagement Sub-Committee Report (Dan and Sharon reporting)

Before convocation: Question from sub-committee is whether we should organize a meeting in every parish before the Convocation, to prepare parish evangelization teams. Patti suggested parishes are too busy to schedule a meeting. Fr. Tony suggested we send a packet of information to parishes instead of a meeting. Michael suggested a picnic or brunch for the evangelization teams. Deacon Ed suggested all facilitators could contact their parishes and suggest materials. Michael: We need some personal contact, not just email or written materials.

Consensus: Develop a packet. Make it available to everyone coming to convocation. Ask each parish to identify their point person, someone who is a lay person who is not staff.

We need to ask pastors to let us know who is that team leader.

During convocation: Each parish will meet during the two evening meals. Parish facilitator will ask three questions: (1) What are you learning? (2) So what does this mean for your parish? (3) Now what will you do differently when you return home?

On Saturday morning, each parish will be asked to create a chart with name of parish at the top, three goals they will work on, some specific steps the parish will take, and at the bottom of the chart, the date when they will meet next. Charts will be posted before departure.

After convocation: Facilitators will check in with each parish point person about the three goals set by the parishes and the action steps they planned. They will meet with their three parishes within 60-90 days of the convocation.

Logistics: (Deacon David reporting). We are arranging speakers into breakout rooms based on numbers of people signing up per break-out. Beehive is available for a resource room. This will be an opportunity for diocesan staff. We should make an offer to parishes to see if any of them would like to set up a table for the resource room.

We have 124 slots that need to be filled for volunteer positions. Need to reach out to people coming to the convocation to see if any of them are willing to volunteer for some of these volunteer roles.

Scheduling: (Julia reporting). We have already set up phone meetings with Katie Prejean and Michael Patin. Joe is setting up meeting with Hosffman.

Marketing and Communication: (Fr. Joseph reporting). Francesca sent out an email for people to vote for graphic for The Catholic Messenger and the winning design was the one with the white background.

Prayer and Liturgy: (Patti reporting). Deacon Frank Agnoli has completed a liturgical graph of items of need to be completed for different liturgies at the convocation. Most of the liturgies are

complete, hoping to have all completed in the next few weeks. Deacon Frank is preparing worship aides for each liturgical event. His help has been invaluable.

Three themes to guide our speakers and the action of parishes during and after the Convocation: (Michael leading discussion): (1) Going: getting out of comfort zone to meet people where they are. (2) Accompaniment: smelling like the sheep, relationships, earning the right to be heard, radical hospitality. (3) Encounter: presenting the Gospel which is Jesus Christ in a winsome, authentic way, fostering a personal encounter with Jesus.

Bishop: From Pope Francis, we need to get out of sacristy and into the streets. Julia: get out of the sanctuary and into the streets. Fr. Tony: get off your seats and into the streets.

Doing versus Being (Michael and Fr. Tony reporting): The committee discussed the importance of engaging the heart, not just giving people tools. Fr. Tony will send out the notes from Frank Agnoli about this.

Meeting with Diocesan Directors (Deacon David and Bishop reporting). They are on board. David is asking them to report on what their office is doing to assist parishes and schools to meet the mission of the Diocese, which is based on the Great Commission.

Inward versus outward (Michael): We need to understand that evangelization is not only about welcoming people when they come to the parish, but going out and meeting them where they are.

Toolbox Discussion – what tools do we need at the convocation: Bishop: What is evangelization, how to talk about our faith, how to tell your story. Deacon Joe: Our speakers are on board with this. Fr. Bill: Clergy need training on preaching for evangelization – this may be topic for future clergy meetings. Patti: How can we change our attitude about those on the margins? Dan: We seem to be talking more about how to “be” evangelizers rather than how to “do” evangelization. The “toolbox” metaphor might not be the right one. Bishop: How can we learn to be with those who are marginalized, e.g. those who were abused? Michael: How can we be in relationship with Christ before we go out? Bishop: Live the *Joy of the Gospel*. Deacon Ed: Giving of ourselves with great joy.

Resource Room: Will be in the Beehive. For diocesan staff and parishes to share information.

Concluding Prayer: Led by Fr. Tony

Adjournment at 3:15 (record time)

Next Meetings: April 30, 2019 – 1-4 pm, at St. Vincent’s Center, Davenport

May 21, 2019 – 1-4 pm, at St. Patrick’s, Iowa City (downstairs in St. Anne’s Room)

Notes by Dan Ebener