

February 18,2013 Exploratory Committee Meeting minutes

Members Present: Fr. Dennis, Caroline Green, Dick Geurts, Karla Voss, Julie Rohan, Rick Roundy, Sr. Celine Goessl, and Mike Rentmeester

Absent: Russ Aerts, Matt VanEffen

The committee members met at our St. Clare Askeaton site at 1:30pm and carpoled to tour Holy Family Church and facilities at Brillion, WI. Holy Family business manager Sue Kees and Pastoral Associate Rita Heraly welcomed us, with Rita showing us their church, offices, kitchen, social hall and narthex. Rita was particularly helpful in explaining items they would have done differently if they were building again. Rita offered her insights on Holy Family's experience of merging four parishes. The tour with discussion and questions lasted almost two hours. The committee then returned to our Askeaton site where Sr. Kathy and Sr. Celine hosted a "debriefing session" with a delicious, light supper. Among items discussed were:

- Defining and developing a mission statement for the Exploratory Committee (Rick Roundy and Mike Rentmeester will submit a draft to the committee)
- Developing a plan of action implementing the Committee Mission Statement
This would include assembling a list of requirements of our Parish facilities, whether utilizing an existing site(s) or new construction, then analyzing the pros and cons of option. The Parish office will provide our current churches' seating capacities, weekly average attendance at each Mass, and site acreages.
- The importance of transparency in our Committee activities. Our meeting minutes will be posted on the parish website and summarized in the parish bulletins and newsletter.
- Mike will arrange and then confirm with the Committee a March 6th tour of two parishes, Prince of Peace in Bellevue, and St. John the Baptist in Howard.
Tentatively plan on touring the first at 10am, lunch somewhere, and then touring the other parish at 1:30pm.

The meeting concluded at 6pm.