

## **UPDATES FROM COMMISSIONS**

*As of June 20, 2024*

The following proposals have continued to be brought forward to the Cabinet and have been under discussion for the past couple of meetings. Read below for the latest updates on the proposals from a few commissions.

### **Follow-Up on Previous Proposals:**

#### **Vocations Commission:**

Fr. Peter is presenting their approved proposal at deanery meetings. He shared that it has been well received so far. He printed the Prayer for Vocations cards and handed them out to parishes. He encouraged them to pray it once a month.

#### **Marriage and Family Commission:**

They will send out a Google form registration for the marriage milestone anniversary celebrations happening in the fall. The online registration will be out this summer. John will check for the available date of the celebration.

#### **Church Governance:**

Sharon has been presenting their proposal at deanery meetings. She has only received feedback from one deanery. They are going to need to receive a 100% response. She shared the prospect of a PPC workshop in the fall (see document attached). It was suggested that multiple meetings be held in urban and rural Manitoba so everyone can attend. The document should be put in a Google form. It was suggested that the “why not” question be removed when asked about the need for a PPC and that the “challenges of PPC” be asked.

## **New Proposals brought forth:**

### **Lay Ecclesial Leadership and Adult Lay Formation Commission:**

Fr. Eric welcomed Deacon Darrin and Carlene Douglas to join our last Cabinet meeting so that they may introduce a new Adult Lay Formation opportunity that will serve our Parishes outside the City of Winnipeg. They currently live in Russell, Manitoba and both have a passion for faith formation and want to make it more available to the rural areas of the Archdiocese. Based on the Vision Statement of the Synod Commission on Adult Lay Faith Formation, the Committee is submitting a proposal to establish a new Adult Lay Faith Formation called, “Diving Deeper”.

This will be a five-month formation to begin in (October, November, January, February and March) 2025. These months best correspond to the needs of the faithful in this area of the Archdiocese based on the parish lifecycle and the demographics and economics in these rural locations. To be held One Saturday per month from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

A continuous theme will be chosen for the 5-month formation program, such as The Mass, or The Sacraments. The formation of the theme will include the spiritual, liturgical, scriptural, and theology components. Individual prayer and group sharing would be utilized to facilitate personal growth and community building. Formation will also include Evangelization of Laity presentations. *Diving Deeper* Adult Lay Faith Formation will be held at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Russell. Participants will provide their own meals. The Facilitation Team will include video presentations and small and large group discussions. Content will be presented from the Catholic Catechism. Potential participants will come from all areas of West-Man and Parkland deaneries. Those who desire and need accommodations are welcome at the Holy Trinity Retreat House, near Binscarth, located 20 minutes southwest of Russell.

### **Catechesis, Schools, Sacramental and Devotional Life Commission:**

They have proposed that, with the approval of the Archbishop and the Synod Cabinet, to publish as soon as possible the current list of recommended programs, resources, and links for Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation via posting the information on the Catechetics and Faith Development page of the Archdiocesan website. It should be understood that moving forward this list would be updated and revised, as required by the Archbishop and the needs of particular circumstances, through the Office of Catechetics and Faith Development.

We propose that the four currently recommended faith formation programs be included under one subheading, and information on other resources and links be available under other subheadings, with one overall title as noted in the appended list that has been prepared. Fr. Robert Polz and Judith will work with the Communications Office and the web developers to add the new resources. It was suggested to make sure that the resources become “tools” not just a list that sits on the website.

**The next Synod Implementation Cabinet Meeting will be on October 2024 at the Pastoral Centre.**