



NORTH DEANERY

Shaping Our Future Together **PLAN**

The parishes of the North Deanery recognize that a stewardship way of life will increase all Catholics' awareness of the seven values of Shaping Our Future Together. As the parishes of the North Deanery enter into the diocesan stewardship renewal, they will work together as a deanery to support each other in embracing stewardship.

This will be accomplished using at least quarterly meetings of parish leadership where the parishes will report on challenges and accomplishments in their parish regarding stewardship renewal. The goal of the meetings will be to encourage cross-pollination of successful practices, modeling co-responsibility and sharing resources for those parishes in need.

These meetings will also encourage a spirit of synodality (walking together) for parishioners, a broader perspective of what it means to be Catholic (and not parochial) and to be living the teachings of the Church, especially as articulated by the Second Vatican Council.

Agenda Template for Deanery Meetings

1. Opening prayer
2. Roll call
3. Introductory comments by dean
4. Report from each parish (parishes will need to designate a reporter in advance of the meeting. Suggested that this function be rotated among pastor, PLC, principal, pastoral council members, etc.) The reports should be 5-7 minutes and focus on accomplishments and challenges.
5. Discussion to address needs and encourage progress
6. Clarify follow up actions and who is responsible
7. Reminder of next meeting
8. Closing prayer

The dean will designate a note keeper for each meeting. The diocesan communication consultant can assist with administrative functions, such as sending email and calendar reminders, set up the Zoom link, etc.

