



SEE CITY DEANERY

Shaping Our Future Together PLAN

The See City Deanery has identified five areas of ministry that will greatly benefit from deanery wide planning and advertising. Because of the close proximity of parishes and the relatively small geographical area, the See City Deanery has made a pastoral plan that will allow parishes to collaborate on ministries and work together to achieve sustainable ministry groups that would not otherwise be possible. Many of the parishes in the deanery have ministry groups that are functioning, but when opened to the entire deanery, they will greatly benefit from the combined resources and participants.

Youth Initiative

Goal: To implement opportunities for the youth of the See City Deanery to more fully participate in their faith.

Proposed Initiative: In conjunction with the youth of our deanery, plan two Sunday evening Masses a semester where the youth fulfill numerous ministries of the Mass; such as music, greeters, ushers, servers, lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Action Plan:

1. Establish a deanery youth council that will function as the steering committee for the liturgy planning along with deanery clergy and youth ministers.
2. Begin by offering the Mass twice per semester with the hope of expanding the frequency if the youth show a positive response to it.
3. Sunday evening Mass is currently offered at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City. It is not the intent to replace that Mass by moving it to the Cathedral. However, the two Masses for the youth will be deanery based. As such, the intent is that they will be held at the Cathedral.
4. Explore the possibility of opportunities for fellowship for the youth after the two Masses. Such plans are to be in conjunction with the deanery youth council.
5. With the establishment of the deanery youth council it is also planned to collaborate to host youth events across the deanery.

Young Adult Initiative

Goal: To provide a forum for young adults to share their faith and to create an environment for fellowship and mutual support for young adults who are in the same stage of life.

Proposed Initiative: Young adult ministry is defined as ministry specifically to adults between the ages of 21 and 39. This group includes a wide variety of individuals who may be single, married, single-parent, or have several young children. The initiative will be to create opportunities for prayer and fellowship across the deanery.

Action Plan:

1. Host a monthly time for prayer (adoration, confessions and Mass) at St. Martin Parish followed by a social gathering in Jefferson City.
2. Work with current parish programs to better coordinate activities.
3. Advertise events across the deanery.

Support Group Ministry

Goal: To create a sustainable peer-to-peer ministry program across the deanery.

Proposed Initiative: Support group ministry focuses on an individual's need to find support from others that are facing similar difficulties. These groups could include bereavement, Alcoholics Anonymous and divorce ministry. The individuals in these groups may need group support on a temporary basis and therefore any individual parish may not be able to sustain its own group over time. Having a combined support group ministry will allow for these groups to be available when they are needed.

Action Plan:

1. Build on the current structure that is in place at St. Peter to incorporate the entire deanery.
2. Advertise across the deanery.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Initiative

Goal: To support parish OCIA programs and broaden the Catholic experience of the candidates in study, prayer and rites at Mass.

Proposed Initiative: In conjunction with the parish OCIA programs, hold 1-2 deanery-wide events during the year for the OCIA candidates.

Action Plan:

1. Solicit input from the parish OCIA coordinators on how the deanery can support and offer programs to enhance their OCIA programs.

2. Possible events:
 - A. Conduct a one-day retreat for all of the RCIA parish candidates which focuses on the broader Catholic faith.
 - B. Conduct a special “Walk through the Mass” by Fr. Clark for the RCIA candidates.

Women’s Ministry

Goal: To support and collaborate with Barb Prasad, the diocesan Coordinator of Women’s Ministry, on events and initiatives planned for the See City Deanery.

Initiative: The diocesan Women’s Ministry office is in the process of forming a core team within the See City Deanery. The team will be comprised of 2-3 members from each of the parishes. The core team planning meeting will be in the fall of the year and the team will meet three other times throughout the year. All but two parishes are already represented on the deanery core team. The planning process seeks to identify initiatives in the following five areas of Women’s Ministry:

1. Service
2. Faith Formation
3. Prayer Opportunities
4. Communications
5. Hospitality/Fellowship

Action Plan:

1. Assist Barb in getting members from St. Stanislaus (Wardsville) and St. Margaret of Antioch (Osage Bend).
2. Assist Barb by identifying women who would be willing to serve as volunteers for events.
3. Assist in assembling clergy and speakers, as needed for the various events.
4. Actively promote and spread the word within our parishes concerning opportunities in Women’s Ministry.

