



# ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

October 28, 2017

### ---REPORT---

Saint Christopher Attendees:

**Tom McGrew**

**Ken Bench**

Meeting Conducted by: Dr. Bryan Reynolds Chancellor

Dr. Reynolds opened meeting at 9:35 in the New Pastoral Center

Grand Opening and Blessing of new Center immediately following the meeting

### **Meeting opened with Morning Prayer**

### **Archbishop Kurtz's Comments**

- Special THANKS to Holy Family Parish; for property for New Pastoral Center
- Special Thanks to Dr. Reynolds his efforts in coordinating building process
- Archbishop feels Pastoral Councils such as this is best format for instruction
- CARA** website has these results of research of Catholic Activities

1.3 Billion Catholics throughout the world

23% worldwide growth in past 10 years; USA had 5-6% growth

- Archdioceses of Louisville has 110 Parishes in 24 Counties. The Life of the Archdioceses is the People of the Parishes

- The Archdioceses is 110 Parishes dedicated to help one another
- The Office of Chancellery has been changed to Pastoral Center Pastoral means 'Caring For One Another'
- New Pastoral Center dedicated to Virgin Mary and St. Joseph
- Archdioceses is in middle of Discernment Process. (Fund Raising Endeavour)
- Catholic Services Appeal is under way---Thanks for donations. The more monies raised by this process, the less assessment the Parishes will be charged
- Along with CSA mailing, a 'Request for Prayers' card is included. Over 3500 of these cards were returned last year
- Important to find ways to bring on new leaders in the Parishes. Parishes are only as vibrant as their leaders
- Lily Foundation Grant allowed new additions to Archdioceses 401 K and Retirement Plans
- Catholic Charities of Louisville continues to help throughout the State

## Questions and Answers

- Q.) When we move, did we move Tribunal?  
A.)Yes
- Q.) How was your tenure of serving as President of US Bishops Council?  
A.)Served on Council 8 years; served as Vice President 3 years, President 3 years—served on two Synods and escorted Pope Francis on his visit to US
- Q.) Why are we seeing so many Intercontinental Priests? Accents are causing a problem  
A.)We will always have different accents as different cultures come to America. We currently Masses in English, Spanish, French, Swahili, Italian and Latin
- Q.) How many Seminarians do we have currently studying for Priesthood?  
A.)Archdioceses currently has 19...14 from Kentucky
- Q.) When parishioners have a question they are encouraged to ask a member of the Parish Council: who do parish council members need to contact?  
A.)The Pastor must always be informed first; then call Pastoral Council for advice

## **DR. Reynolds**

- 1.) This Spring we have 5 Priests being Ordained: first time in more than 20 years we are getting more Priests than number of Priests retiring **“GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT”**
- 2.) Catholic Charities input to Archdioceses Services...during emergency situations, the Archdioceses is called upon to furnish translators in 36 different languages

## **Parish Discernment Fund Raiser**

**Conducted by Sal Della Bella Program Director**

As mentioned in the January Pastoral Letter...  
**“What is our plans, as a Parish, to grow in the future?”**

### **DISCERNMENT**

**It’s about taking a long look at the basics needs of the Parish**

**What is God’s plan for us? We must take sufficient time to assess our Parish needs**

### **Four Steps of Discernment** (Assisted by Archdioceses Personnel)

1. Prayer
2. Celebrate our blessings we currently enjoy in the parish
3. Listening to the hopes of the people of our parish
4. Look at 2 or 3 priorities that we can address (as outlined in the January Pastoral Letter)

### **The Main Purpose of Discernment is Prosperity and Growth**

- The Discernment Process takes 3 months
- Consists of 4 meetings of pastor and parish leaders and parishioners
- Every Parish must participate.

### **Next Meeting April 14, 2018**

Archbishop Kurtz closed the meeting with a prayer at 11:55 AM

Compiled by:

***Tom McGrew***

Saint Christopher Parish Council