



NWMCP Strategic Planning Update August 2023 Update

We have taken another important step in investing in our collaborative mission and vision for Catholic vibrancy on the Northwest side of Milwaukee.

We have hired a new Director of Evangelization & Discipleship for the Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes – Simon Pierre Biagui, beginning August 1st. Simon has been a member of Blessed Savior Catholic Parish where he has been the coordinator of Religious Education, and is a member of the Black Catholic Commission, which facilitates the implementation of the Black Catholic Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

In his role as Director of Evangelization & Discipleship, Simon will focus his efforts on three populations – active parishioners, the inactive community, and the unchurched – developing renewal and formation ministries within the parishes, and outreach and welcome to those not active or connected with the parishes. Simon's goals include fostering conversion and growth in discipleship among the faithful, developing a welcoming community, and equipping parishioners to evangelize by witness, word, and action.

Simon will plan and coordinate adult inquiry and faith formation opportunities. He will serve as a resource to ministries of outreach, welcome, and renewal, including hospitality ministry, evangelization initiatives and programs, new member welcome, baptism preparation and follow-up with parents, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, returning Catholics, faith sharing groups/discipleship programs, and parish missions. He will engage in relational ministry to help adults to develop a personal relationship with God as the heart of their faith, collaborate with youth ministry volunteers to foster youth evangelization, and work with other Catholic parishes, schools, and organizations to plan and implement strategies for the greater community.

Simon will also work to enhance communication within and beyond the Northwest Catholic parish community to inform and engage parishioners and to reach out to community groups, local schools, and all parish organizations regarding events and public concerns.

A focus on evangelization and discipleship lies at the heart of every Catholic community. Simon has many wonderful gifts which he will bring to our NWMCP community and will be a great asset as we move forward. Please join us in welcoming Simon into his new staff position.

We hope you are having a wonderful summer. See you at Mass.

“Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.” ~ Pope Saint John XXIII