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NWMCP Strategic Planning Update November 2023 Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the NWMCP Town Hall meetings in September and October. We covered a lot of information about the strategic planning efforts that are being made in our collaboration and provided a high-level view of each parish's future financial projection.

Another important topic that was reviewed was one of the recommendations from the Evangelization & Liturgy workgroup to restructure our Mass schedule, allowing one priest to say Mass at each parish on a weekend. The Archdiocesan policy is that a parish priest can only say Mass three times on a weekend, and we must position our three parishes so the priest assigned to our collaboration is able to cover our weekend Masses. We have received many responses to the Mass times survey, and, as of the date of this letter, we are compiling the responses to present to the Pastoral Council. The decision will be made with input from our Pastoral Council and will be implemented January 1, 2024.

In addition, our Tri-Parish Combined Steering Committee has decided to delve deeper into the needs surfaced through our strategic planning relating to our facilities and finances. A new workgroup made up of representatives from each of the three parishes has been asked to develop recommendations for the future state of our parishes by investigating how we might structure our collaboration in the future. Subject experts may be engaged to assist in analyzing different scenarios.

Please keep our parishes in your prayers as we wrestle with important strategic issues. Love for our communities and for each other is uppermost in our minds as we plan for the future.

“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