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RENEW MY CHURCH



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A Weekly Update On Our Renew My Church Process

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Renew My Church is a faithful response to Christ's call to renew His Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago; it is a journey that is both spiritual (to re-encounter Jesus Christ as disciples and parish communities) and structural (to ensure our parishes have adequate resources for vitality). Through Renew My Church initiatives, the Archdiocese will re-commit our local Church to our gospel commission to make disciples, build vital communities of faith and inspire witness to bring the light and hope of Christ to a world in need. These mission imperatives guide all that we do in and through the spiritual and structural efforts of renewal. One initiative of Renew My Church is focused on increasing the vitality of our local communities. Cardinal Cupich has asked our parish to come together with the other parishes in our grouping to engage in a process of reflection, discernment, and planning to consider how we can collaborate and combine resources so that we are better equipped to bring Jesus Christ to the world today. Our journey from now through December will entail collaborating with our neighbors to:

- ◆ Assess the current situation in our community
- ◆ Understand the criteria and principles of our planning efforts
- ◆ Discuss possible scenarios for how our grouping's parishes and schools could be structured in the future
- ◆ Compile our feedback to share with Archdiocesan leadership and Cardinal Cupich

We invite you to join parish leadership for a Renew My Church parish conversation on **Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:30 PM in the church.** During this conversation we will:

- ◆ Pray and discuss Renew My Church and the process we are beginning together
- ◆ Review important information and questions about our community such as the strengths and challenges that exist in our grouping
- ◆ Answer any questions you may have

All are welcome and encouraged to attend! As we enter this time of rededication to our faith in Jesus Christ and planning for the future, let us hold each other and the other parish and school communities in our grouping in prayer. As always, for more information, visit RenewMyChurch.org.

