Suburban Southwest (SSW) Deanery Meeting
St. Charles Borromeo
October 21, 2026

- Fr. Tim led the group in reading the Divine Office – Midday Prayer for October 21.
- Roza Hering introduced two new members. Deacon Ken Piechowski from St. John Neumann and Monica Menkhaus from St. Michael. Welcome!
- Fr. Tim shared information presented by Robert Koonce at the Priest's Convocation (October 6-9) held at Sawmill Creek. Father has completed four of his Triennial Visits to the parishes. He has six to do in year two, and six in year three. They are going well but is unsure of what happens to the reports as a result of the visits.
- Discussion was held on the group descriptions/categories that will be used at our next Deanery Assembly Meeting. The purpose of these groups is to allow registrants to select what area best represents their job responsibilities. At the Assembly Meeting they will be seated with individuals in the same group therefore allowing greater collaboration and discussion at the meeting and for future collaboration groups to be formed.
- The committee was provided with the draft Pastoral Plan at the last meeting and was asked to review it and provide any corrections or comments.
    - There was a lengthy discussion on the PSR Program. It was suggested that there be a subcommittee formed called Youth Formation. PSR numbers are plummeting and it would be great to come together to make it stronger. An assessment of the parishes' programs can be done. Our role as a Deanery is to be a resource for evaluation of the PSR program. Fr. Tim mentioned that St. John Neuman, under the leadership of Ann Maria Ong, has had Eucharistic Adoration for the youth and she would be an excellent resource.
    - Also discussed is the partnership with Veranova Health that is referenced in our plan. We need to better understand what that partnership consists of. Roza took an action to look into it.
    - Roza will make modifications to the draft Pastoral Plan based on today's discussion and send it to Fr. Tim so that he can provide it to the pastors for their review.

- Deacon Jerry shared updates on the status of the Marriage Ministry program. Links have been provided to the Office of Marriage and Family Newsletter. In addition, Deacon Jerry has shared the link to our Deanery Marriage Website as a method of disseminating Marriage Catechumenate communications.
- Eric Perusek presented his idea for a Marriage Mission for the Deanery and provided a draft sketch of his vision. The goal would be to increase awareness and excitement around the Diocesan Marriage and Family Ministry program. He suggested a speaker, music and worship, with small group discussions and refreshments.
- The Suburban Southwest Deanery will be once again offering a Week of Reconciliation (February 21-25, 2007). All the priests in our Deanery were provided to a link to Sign-Up Genius to register to hear confessions at one of the four parishes: St. John Bosco – 2/21; St. Columbkille – 2/22; St. Joseph – 2/23; and Church of the Assumption – 2/25. Fr. Tim has asked that you remind your priests to sign-up to hear confessions at one of these locations.
- Our next committee is scheduled for January 12 at Assumption parish. We will determine a date for our next Assembly Meeting at that time.