

Suburban Southwest (SSW) Deanery Meeting
St. Basil the Great
August 12, 2026

Fr. Tim began the meeting with prayer then asked the group if they had either a glory story or sorrow story they would like to share.

Roza asked for feedback on the July 31 Assembly Meeting. There were a lot of positive comments and the attendees felt that sitting with their collaboration group was a great idea. She felt we needed a more defined list of collaboration areas and with the next Assembly Meeting (January) attendees would be the one to select the area that best fits their role.

Brian Baum agreed that they could use the buying power of several churches to reduce the cost of a vendor. He tries to source locally whenever possible and having the maintenance/facilities people working together would be helpful.

Roza suggested having quarterly meetings, led by one of the Deanery committee members, for each of the collaboration areas. To better understand all of the areas represented, it was suggested someone look at the list and provide categories, with a description for each. The committee will then review the list and offer feedback at the next meeting. Allyn Pytel and Carol Wallington took the action and will provide the committee with their suggestions within two weeks. **ACTION**

Fr. Tim talked about the DRAFT SSW Pastoral Plan that was emailed to the committee. He explained the rational behind each goal and linking it to Bishop Malesic's Pastoral Letter. Some of the actions have been completed but there needs to be further discussion on the plan itself and delineating the Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 goals. Committee members were asked to review the draft and bring their comments to the next meeting in October.

ACTION

The Committee talked about Fr. Michael Garvin, St. Charles Borromeo, mobile App he created and showcased at the Assembly event. Fr. Ryan Mann is willing to subsidize the App. If the App is feasible, each parish in the Deanery could share in the yearly cost. Allyn Pytel said that we must ensure that the App is not single failure tolerant. Based on his background, there are a lot of other issues such as proprietary information, etc. He offered to call Fr. Michael to discuss it in further detail. **ACTION**

Fr. Tim distributed the one-page Marriage Goal provided by the Diocese. He asked the Marriage subcommittee to look at it and identify our goals for each year. A Deanery liaison still needs to be identified. We need to understand what the bishop's expectations are of the Marriage Ministry as provided in his document that each parish received entitled, "A Catechumenal Approach to Marriage Formulation." **ACTION**

Roza encouraged the committee to share their parish's upcoming events by forwarding to the members.

Fr. Tim closed the meeting with a prayer

Next meeting: October 21, 2026 - St. Charles Borromeo