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Renew My Church

The Mater Christi Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team (GFDT) had three opportunities this past week for contemplation and prayer in relation to the Renew My Church process in which we are currently involved. Each time we meet in person or virtually, we become more familiar with our counterparts at St. Hugh, St. Mary and St. Pius, and with their parishes. As we move forward, we increasingly work more like a unified team that will help us realistically consider the best, most viable “future” for our grouping. When we meet and work together, we seek guidance and intervention from the Holy Spirit. It is important that we do not act selfishly in this process, but rather for the greater good of all parishioners of all four parishes.

On Wednesday August 26th, the four grouping teams engaged in frank conversations about the strengths and challenges of our grouping and of each parish. These information gathering discussions will help us imagine possible scenarios for our grouping that will eventually be presented to the Cardinal to aid him in his decision making.

On Thursday August 27th, we participated in an online program, Prayer and Dialogue with Cardinal Cupich. This program included all of the grouping teams from 45 parishes in this wave of Renew My Church. Team members presented questions to the Cardinal which he addressed during the second half of the session. He prayed with us and offered encouragement. On Saturday, August 29th, we were invited to participate in an on-line retreat with all grouping teams and the Cardinal. This was another opportunity for us to pray together, search our hearts and minds, and again seek the aid of the Holy Spirit.

Your GFDT is dedicated to this process and believes that the outcome will help revitalize our Archdiocese, and more importantly, our Church. We ask for your prayers to aid us in this important mission. Please feel free to contact us with questions. If we do not have the answer, we will certainly pass on the question. Your input is fundamental. God bless you all.