

Results of St James Parish meeting in response to deanery study request

We opted to use a consensus process in our small groups and summary report rather than scoring options offered in the form. Conclusions reflect full or majority support for both statements in each of five categories rather than by tallying individual preferences to produce numerical results.

Additional suggestions (in italics) indicate strong support for OTHER possibilities not offered by the form.

A. Parish Organization

3. Better networking and collaboration on ministry among parishes.
4. More lay involvement in the community and mission of the parish.

Strong consensus on deanery collaboration but preserving the independence and unique character of each parish.

B. Worship and Evangelization

3. Contact current and former members to invite involvement in parish.
4. Develop a ministry for young adults.

Strong consensus on the need to also develop and support ministry to seniors, the role of women in leadership and ministry, LGBTQ, Immigrants, and those in need of affordable housing.

C. Faith Formation, Catholic Schools

2. Deanery-wide adult faith formation opportunities.
3. Small group faith sharing

Strong consensus on promoting faith formation in home groups. We, support DeLaSalle HS

D. Outreach / Service

1. Recognize the role deanery 1 parishes have played in establishing the presence and influence of the Catholic church in the core of Kansas City.
3. Establish a deanery approach to Catholic Social Justice education and application to social issues.

Strong Consensus on need to work with organizations, ecumenical and interreligious efforts by other groups addressing social issues.

E. Community Building / Communications

1. Welcome new neighborhood residents, invite them to join parish.
2. Meet with new and former members about use of their gifts in the parish and its ministries.

Strong Consensus on need for diocesan stewardship strategy that links resources in wealthier parishes to parishes in need, including restructuring deaneries to reflect more diversity among parishes rather than grouped by location.

Consider a disciple-based tax on stronger parishes to support needier ones.

Our parish meeting was conducted after Mass on Sunday, November 14, observing full covid protocol, and made available by live stream to those unable to attend. Results represent only those present.

Submitted to Meitler and Diocese by:

Fr. Mike Roach

11/16/21

