

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Religious Education/Faith Formation in the Parish Cluster**

February 14, 2025

In attendance: Father Miniatt, Maryclare, Jodi, Nicole, Kathy

We began the meeting with Daytime prayer, joined by Fr. Ed and Tamela.

The minutes from the December meeting, as well as those from the meeting on January 30, were reviewed and amended.

Topics of discussion:

What should we do with the amended minutes from the January 30 meeting? It was decided to make them available on the parish websites and in back of each church. Also, the possibility of posting a link to the minutes in the bulletins was suggested.

Considering the input and feedback from the January 30 meeting, do we still want to move forward with combining the Lomira and Mayville programs, as proposed? The consensus was that we do.

We summarized reasons why we are combining the Lomira and Mayville Religious Education programs as follows:

#### **Why combine the Lomira and Mayville Religious Education programs?**

-We currently have a low number of students in Lomira (33). Combining classes will provide for more peer interaction and give students the opportunity to see and interact with others of their Catholic faith, while still maintaining manageable class sizes.

-It will open the door to more opportunities to work together.

-There is a need for evangelization and faith formation in our parish communities and in the community at large, in addition to our current Religious Education programs for students. This move would free up a member of our current staff to work in this area. (i.e. youth nights, adult formation, summer camps, community building events).

-We would be able to meet all current needs for Religious Education as a team.

-We are using the facilities, resources, and people we already have to meet our needs.

-At the meeting held on January 30, most in attendance were accepting of this idea.

-The leadership group is in agreement that this is the best way forward.

-It makes the most sense looking at all the needs of all the parishes in our Dodge East Catholic family. (considering the "big picture")

-Prayer and discernment led us to this decision.

The next item of discussion was youth night. Father expressed thanks to those who came and helped lead. It was the biggest turnout to date, with lots of positive feedback. Upcoming dates for the next youth nights are March 4, April 1, and May 6. All will be at St. Andrew Hall from 6:00-8:00, dinner included.

Confirmation dates and locations were discussed. This year, Confirmation will be at Sacred Heart. In 2026, it will be at St. Andrew. Nicole will submit possible May dates to the Archdiocese for 2026.

Maryclare, Jodi, and Nicole will work together to work out what's needed to combine Religious Education programs for next year.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 25 @ 10:00 at St. Mary, Mayville.

Father Miniatt led us in a concluding prayer.