



Our Lady's Triangle Renew My Church Update: December 18, 2020

Discernment Process

St. John Cantius Parish, St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish and Holy Trinity Polish Mission engaged in the Renew My Church (RMC) "Decisions and Discernment" process through the fall of 2020. The Grouping Feedback and Discernment team (GFDT), which was made up of members from each community, met to review and discern the future parish structure for the area. Our deepest appreciation goes to the GFDT who prayerfully discerned the parish grouping structure during this challenging time.

Based on their meetings and feedback gathered from the larger parish community, they submitted feedback to the archdiocese. The Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, which includes representatives from across the Archdiocese of Chicago, reviewed the feedback and other information, including financial summaries and parish trends.

Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Lombardo are grateful to Fr. Caswell, Fr. Bus, Fr. Totzke and the Grouping Teams who gathered throughout the past few months, as well as the parishioners, the Vicariate Team, the Presbyteral Council and RMC Commission who offered feedback through the recent discernment process. Your perseverance was admirable, particularly during these difficult months of the pandemic.

Outcome

In the past few weeks, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, the archdiocese's auxiliary bishops, and the archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met to discuss the Commission's recommendation. Based upon those discussions and prayerful consideration, Cardinal Cupich made the following decisions regarding the parish structure in Our Lady's Triangle.

Each of the parishes / mission will remain in their current structure.

- Holy Trinity Polish Mission will continue to be served by priests of the Society of Christ.
- The Canons Regular of St. John Cantius will continue to serve St. John Cantius Parish.
- Fr. Anthony Bus will continue to serve as Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish.
- The scenario endorsed by the Grouping Team, recommended by the Commission and supported by Cardinal Cupich envisions that at the time in the future when Fr. Bus is no longer able to serve as Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, a priest of the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius will be assigned as Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish.
- St. John Cantius Parish and St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish will remain separate parishes to ensure each parish's specific charism is nurtured with particular attention.

Each of the communities is encouraged to continue working together on all ministries, with particular attention on supporting efforts to strengthen St. Stanislaus Kostka Academy.

Next Steps

Each community will embark upon the next phase of the renewal process called "Building the New Reality" to become a stronger, more sustainable presence for the future, capable of reaching more people in their work of making disciples of Jesus Christ, building communities with one another and inspiring witness in the world around us.