

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on Church Reform 2018  
Summary of October 18, 2018 Meeting

Present: Amber Hendricks, Pastor Ray Chase, Maureen Daly, Ray Heil, Colleen McCahill, Al Reichelt

Absent: Pat Ball, Howdy Burns, Jim Casey, Geri Fialkowski, Rowland Savage

Actions that the Ad Hoc Committee would propose to the Parish Council for consideration in response to the meeting of the Bishops in Baltimore next month. These actions would be *parishioner-accomplished actions*, with the support of the Ad Hoc committee members.

We have come up with seven suggestions for action for the Parish Council to consider:

- Write a letter on behalf of the Parish of St. Vincent's to Cardinal DiNardo and the body of bishops, stressing the need for broader participation at the USCCB conference in November. It has also been suggested that the letter would also attempt to convey the structural nature of the issue, including the amplification of our current problems due to the exclusion of female voices. Our current situation clearly calls for the voices of all genders and sciences in order to generate a worthwhile solution.
- Host a St. V's letter-writing campaign to Cardinal DiNardo
  - provide the community with suggestions for content on 10/21
  - provide the community with addressed envelopes on 10/21
  - ask parishioners to indicate participation through a check-mark system at Mass (or other)
- Choose times for St. Vincent's parishioners to demonstrate, in solidarity with survivors of sexual abuse and in demand of Church reform, at the site of the USCCB November conference (anticipated Nov 11-14)
  - possibly wear black as the Women in Ministry at St. Ignatius are doing, in a visual reminder of the demand for women's ordination to the diaconate
- Seek Press credentials for St. V's representatives to be present during the USCCB sessions
- Invite other parishes (at least: St. Ignatius, St. Matthews, Corpus Christi, St. Anthony of Padua, Nativity, and the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen) to gather/park at St. Vincent's
- Live stream the entire proceedings of the USCCB conference at St. Vincent's.
  - Invite other parishes to come and watch the proceedings
- Commit, as a parish, to watch all live-streamed sessions of the USCCB conference.
  - Parishioners would sign-up & agree to be present and watch various sessions
  - The commitment to watch would include a commitment to make notes during the session that would be shared with the parish
  - A summary would be produced from these notes and sent to the USCCB.

Next Meeting, October 20, 2018 at 11:30 at St Vincent de Paul, will be a working meeting to implement the letter writing campaign.