

Area Catholic Community (ACC)  
MAAA Parish Group  
Minutes of October 10, 2024 meeting

The ACC-MAAA parish group met on Thursday, October 10, at 7:00pm at Ave Maria in Wheaton. The meeting was called to order by Rachel Schott and Fr. John Paul led us in prayer. Introductions were made.

Members present: St. Mary's, Chokio- Father John Paul Knopik, Sandi Marlow Weber, Rachel Schott  
Ave Maria, Wheaton- Carol Nelson, Linda Larson  
St. Anthony's, Browns Valley- Julie Metz, and Edith Foren  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Morris- Father Todd Schneider, Paul Rentz, Holly Giese  
Guest:

Absent: David Asfeld (C), Philip Deal (W), Amber Metz (BV), and Jackie Dripps (M)

**Minutes of April 11, 2024:** Edith moved to make a correction on names present at the April meeting. Julie moved to approved: Fr. Todd, 2<sup>nd</sup>, MC.

**Proposed agenda:** Sandi moved, Edith 2<sup>nd</sup>, MC.

**Item A:** The diocesan Pastoral visit was summarized and general discussion held. Fr Todd thanked Rachel for presenting the MAAA slide show. The overall impression of those who attended was that it went well.

**Item B:** Eucharistic Revival: Paul and Holly have watched the Youtube programs available. They can be found by looking for the EWTN channel/Eucharistic Congress. There will be a reboot held October 20, 2024 in Alexandria with a nationally recognized speaker. The event is 6p-8p and Holly will send a link via email for those interested in attending.

**Item C:** Handout – ACC Timeline: the Diocese provided a pamphlet with the timeline since 2015 of the ACC process at a priest retreat in the beginning of April. A consultant has been hired. Fr. JP said that we are in a kind of waiting phase and Fr. Todd added that the dates on the handout are a target. The Bishop is committed to help and guide parishes. Sandi asked in the ACCs are here to stay and Fr. JP confirmed that Bishop Patrick feels good has come from the process. Rachel asked if the ACC should be

sharing some of the data collected but the separate parishes with the whole ACC group. Fr. Todd felt that waiting for more guidance and direction from the diocese would be prudent.

**Item D:** General discussion.

Holly discussed Walk With One. A Eucharistic procession this summer from Indianapolis to California. Fr. Today said missionaries may be sent out. There are also mentorship opportunities for discernment and evangelization. Fr. Todd can forward a link about the Speaker Bishop Robert Baron. Sandi also mentioned the Napa Institute.

Discussion regarding our organization was held and when members rotate off. It was noted that at the April meeting, new members would attend with the outgoing members. Julie will send Rachel the list of when members came on and go off to update and consolidate. It was felt that the April meeting is the best start time for new members.

Parish events: BV will not be hosting a polka mass. Chokio has set their bazaar for Oct 26, 2024 9a-1p. Wheaton is having their fall festival Oct 16, 2024.

Sandi looked at the constitution of the ACC regarding the ACC picnic. We could look at Aug 2025 (August 2<sup>nd</sup>? ) for the parish councils to be invited to a picnic by MAAA council. This could be an agenda item for the winter meeting.

Paul let the group know there is a men's prayer group at 7am the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at Assumption.

Fr. Todd noted that a Year of Hope was announced by Pope Francis, kicking off a time of pilgrimage. The possibility of an ACC pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion could be a future event. It is also the Feast of the Holy Family until 2025.

**Item E:** Next meeting will be February 6, 2025 at St. Mary's, Chokio @7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandi. MC. Closing prayer by Fr. Todd.