

September 16, 2020

Dear Parish Leaders,

As the Church of Western New York, we find ourselves on the cusp of a real opportunity for renewal and collaboration as we plan for the future of our Church's mission and ministry. In order to hear from parishioners throughout our diocese, we are hosting **Renewal Consultation Sessions** in each of the vicariates. As one of our critical channels for the success of this initiative, it is imperative to have your help in getting the word out to parishioners in your area about the upcoming Zoom Session scheduled for your Vicariate.

- The date for your region's session is **Monday, September 28th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** and the Zoom link can be found on the diocesan webpage. (Parishioners who prefer to use a phone rather than internet/computer connection, can still participate via the phone number associated with this session.)
- We ask you to **please print the following notice in your bulletin** with a link to the upcoming Zoom session, and to post this link on your parish site roadtorenewal.org, and/or refer your parishioners to the Diocese of Buffalo site which hosts the link for the Zoom session (please see the notice below).
- It would also be very helpful if you could **reach out directly via email** to your staff, trustees, parish council members, volunteers, ministry leaders and any others whom you believe would be able to speak to the strengths/assets, challenges, and outreach efforts within your region of the Diocese (see the sample notice below).
- The Zoom link will go live 15 minutes prior to the start time. We encourage **you as the leader** of your parish community to try to **log in early** as these sessions may fill up quickly and will have a limit of 100 participants. We believe these sessions will be valuable for you to listen in on as we hear the needs, concerns, and hopes of our parishioners.

Thank you for all that you do for God's people, and thank you in advance for any assistance and support you can offer as we work towards hope and renewal throughout our diocese.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. David LiPuma and Maureen Hurley
Co-Chairs: Diocesan Renewal Task Force

Bulletin Notice:

The Diocese of Buffalo invites you to join us for an online ***Renewal Consultation Session*** to learn about and discuss the new Diocesan *Road to Renewal* Initiative. We want very much to understand the needs, concerns and hopes that you have for the Faith communities in your area of the Diocese. Please join us for a Zoom gathering on **Monday, September 28th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** as members of our Road to Renewal Committee facilitate these conversations regarding your experience of Church in this vicariate. The link will be on the parish website as well as on the Diocese of Buffalo website or at www.roadtorenewal.org. Please look for the box that corresponds with our date and then click on the **E. Niagara/Orleans** button to us!

In addition to these sessions, there are opportunities for those who prefer to share their insights in writing. Please send an email to renewal@buffalodiocese.org outlining your thoughts on renewing our Church's mission and ministry, or take the **online survey**. Written letters can also be mailed directly to Diocese of Buffalo, Road to Renewal, 795 Main Street, Buffalo NY 14203.

EMAIL Notice: (feel free to cut and paste this notice into emails)

In recognition of your role as an involved member of our parish community, I would like to encourage you to join the online Diocesan ***Renewal Consultation Session*** that is scheduled for our Vicariate on **Monday, September 28th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** The facilitators will be sharing information about this initiative and are looking for insights and input from parishioners. Please use the following link to join the Zoom conversation roadtorenewal.org. Please look for the box that corresponds with our date and then click on the **E. Niagara/Orleans** button to join in.

For those who prefer to share their insights in writing, please send an email to renewal@buffalodiocese.org outlining your thoughts on renewing our Church's mission and ministry, or take the **online survey**. Written letters can also be mailed directly to Diocese of Buffalo, Road to Renewal, 795 Main Street, Buffalo NY 14203.

Pulpit Announcement:

The Diocese of Buffalo invites you to learn about our new *Road to Renewal* Initiative, as we look to renew our Church's mission and ministry. Please see our bulletin or the Diocesan website for details on how to participate in this initiative through an **online survey, written options**, and our local vicariate **Zoom session**, which will be held on **Monday, September 28th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**