

Meeting Evaluation April 26, 2014

1. Today's conversations were a useful step in our overall process toward selecting a new bishop

Not at all useful						Very useful
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Comments:

Many comments of "very useful"; One said the session wasn't what they expected, another that it was more helpful than I thought it would be, a third said "one of the best such workshops I've participated in", another wrote, "Very useful in describing what the diocese needs to do to improve itself, not at all useful in how we're going to select a new bishop." Healing and hope.

2. The most helpful part of the day for me was

- Hearing from others; listening and learning; open discussion **xxxxxxxxxxx**
- Bishop Gepert presence/perspective **xxxxxx**
- Presentations by Bob & Michelle (primary task, critical mass, Ben Promise) **xxxxxx**
- Initial assessments **xxxxxx**
- Identifying issues and hope of addressing **xxx**
- Likes/concerns with prioritizing **xx**
- Gained better understanding of diocese **xx**
- Careful listening and insights of facilitators **xxxx**
- Analysis on listening process
- Exploring the 'pausing' issue
- Feedback to Standing committee
- Honesty
- Having us work with our own committees as part of a larger a gathering

3. As we move forward to elect a new bishop I hope we especially pay attention to...

- Process and transparency, honesty with one another, listening **xxxxxxxxxxx**
- Need for change; nurturing healthy relationships, need for diocesan stability **xxxxxxx**
- Spiritual health of candidates
- Primary tasks
- Specific goals to accomplish, accountability **xx**
- Not getting paralyzed by fear
- Ordination process
- More meetings of leadership such as this
- What we "need" not what we "want"; what we expect from new bishop **xx**
- The need for balance, don't overcompensate
- Taking the time we need without dragging our feet
- Responses from listening events **xx**
- What we can and can't achieve considering different demographics
- The past so we don't repeat

Finances, policy, procedures, communication and support for all churches

4. The biggest challenge we face in helping our diocese become more faithful and healthier is

- Resistance to change; openness to change, culture of complaint, blaming, fear/anxiety, resentments **xxxxxxxxxx**
- Listening, hearing each other, building community **xxxxxxxxxx**
- Communicating, collaborating with parishes **xx**
- Keep moving forward **xxx**
- Engaging people of the diocese
- Facing ourselves in the parishes to take responsibility for the work to be done
- Bishop who will provide clear expectations of churches
- Relationship of the bishop to the parishes
- Finding the bishop we need/want
- Creating partnership between bishop and other leaders for change
- Need to pause
- Need to stay on schedule **xxxx**

5. The most important gift or strength we have as a diocese that we need to use, build upon, and expand in becoming a more faithful and healthier diocese is ...

Deep desire for health and growth; desire to do best, hopefulness **xxxxxx**
That we want to do the work
Honesty, openness and respect, like each other **xxxxxx**
We have all that we need
When we come together as today **xx**
Our liturgy that shapes us
New awareness – need to develop spiritual and emotional competency
Core of committed people **xxxxx**
Our money, time, talents
Canon laws
A few didn't really identify existing strength we could build upon but named things we need to develop – create glue among us leaders, dioceses and parishes working together,

Feedback to individuals is being passed along to them. Feedback was overwhelmingly affirming.