

Connected in the Spirit Newsletter # 6

Bloomington – Connersville – Seymour Deaneries

November 2015

Greetings Everyone!

Happy November - a month dedicated to giving THANKS.

We are well into the season of autumn. What a beautiful “fall” it has been. God continues to bless us in many ways.

The last time we communicated collectively was in August 2015. I want to give you an update to the status of Connected in the Spirit as it relates to the Bloomington, Connersville and Seymour deaneries. Once you submitted your final recommendations in mid-September, they were sent to the Archdiocesan Planning Commission (APC) for review. Each member reads those submissions and prepares a report. These reports were reviewed by Commission members on September 30, 2015. Discussions and decisions to move them on to Archbishop Tobin occurred at that time.

Fr. Joe Feltz and I reviewed all of the Cohort recommendations with Archbishop on October 21, 2015. At that time, we were able to answer what questions he had at that time. However, now he will read all of these recommendations again, check data and formulate further questions. He will then come back to us for clarification and, of course, answers. In some cases he will connect with the pastor or cohort leader/s of a given deanery. The month of November is used for this process.

Once Archbishop is comfortable, he will then take these recommendations to his Council of Priests, Consultors, and Leadership Team. He will use December for this purpose. All the time, discerning and praying that good decisions are made.

In January an announcement will be made of his findings and decisions.

This is NOT an easy time for some. Waiting, like Advent causes us to pray for patience and understanding. Knowing that we want Archbishop to take the time needed for the sake of each of you and the greater Church of the Archdiocese.

With the holidays, I am certain this time will pass quickly. We ask for your continued prayer not only for the process but especially for the Archbishop.

As I have stated, you have been a great group to work with in this process. I can't tell you how much that is appreciated from this end.

May you enjoy a grateful Thanksgiving, a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas.

God bless.

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