

Dear Parishioners,

In spring of this year, I was asked by Fr. Hurlbert to be a part of a newly established Ministry Commission for our Vicariate (Vicariate IV). Over the course of the last few months, this group of 14 or so representatives from some of the 60 or so parishes in our Vicariate have been meeting to work on ways in which all of the parishes in the Vicariate can collaborate on recruitment and formation of ministers and parish leaders.

After an assessment survey was done with Deans and Pastors, the Commission has begun to implement some of the most important needs and recommendations. To that end, the Commission has scheduled a workshop which will focus on what could be the best practices for Recruiting Volunteers for parish ministry and leadership.

This workshop will take place at Our Lady of the Mount Parish in Cicero (see flyer for address information), on Thursday, October 18.

The agenda for the evening is as follows -

5:30 - 6:15 pm - Registration/Light meal/Social
6:15 pm - Welcome and Opening Prayer - Pastor of Our Lady of the Mount
6:30 pm - Introduction of Vicariate IV Ministry Commission by Bishop Manz
6:45 pm - Community Builder
7:00 pm - Presentations in English, Spanish and Polish
8:00 pm - Closing Prayer

There is no limit to the number of participants for this workshop. There is no individual fee for this.

I would encourage you, as the Ministry or Organization leader to consider attending this workshop, or to please designate a person, or persons, from your group to participate.

Please RSVP to me with the name, email address and name of the parish organization or ministry by Wednesday, October 10 so I can register our parish for this.

This is a good opportunity for some networking with other parishes in our Vicariate.

Thank you for all the time and talent you give to Ascension. Again, please let me know by Wednesday, October 10th.

Peace,
Jim Wojcik