

LAY ADVISORY BOARD OVERVIEW AND QUESTIONNAIRE

You may have read the recent article in the Catholic Spirit on Archbishop Bernard Hebda's formation of a **Lay Advisory Board (LAB) for the Archdiocese**. This ad hoc board, or LAB, will serve as a vehicle for soliciting ideas and input from laity concerning initiatives for leading the Archdiocese forward to a renewed sense of mission.

LAB members consist of one parish representative from each Parish Pastoral Council (Julia Whalen for St John's). The Parish representatives meet together as a geographical deanery multiple times a year to bring forward information/ questions or concerns from their individual parishes - St John's is a part of Deanery 11.

Goals for the advisory board include finding ways the archdiocese can help people heal and grow in their faith in the wake of the local clergy sexual abuse scandal that included the archdiocese filing for bankruptcy in 2015. In addition, they will begin planning for an anticipated archdiocesan synod. Archdiocesan leaders hope the lay board also can help the local Church use lessons learned in recent years to shape evangelization. Please pray for the LAB members as they represent our parishes.

In addition, each deanery has now elected one overall deanery representative. These deanery representatives attend a LAB meeting with Archbishop Hebda four times per year to bring forward the information collected by each deanery. The LAB representative for our deanery is Susan Wieneke, from St. Thomas in Corcoran with Patty Washatka from St Michael's/St Albert's as the alternate.

Between quarterly meetings with the Archbishop, the board members will share with the LAB parish representatives from their deanery the fruits of their discussions on the archdiocesan board. The parish representatives, in turn, will be expected to share the information with their parish pastoral/stewardship councils, and ultimately, with the faithful of each parish. You will be hearing more on the Lay Advisory Board as their work progresses.

Julia will be attending their first full deanery meeting on June 11th. She is gathering input on the three questions on the back of this page for review at the next deanery meeting. This will be to help prepare for a July (quarterly) LAB meeting with Archbishop Hebda.

Please give prayerful consideration to these questions as you *can* shape the future of the Archdiocese. **Please provide your input prior to June 8th**. You can drop your input into the offering basket at Mass, mail it to the church at P.O. Box 201, Dayton, MN 55327, drop it at the parish office or email it to sjbchurch@yahoo.com.

Lay Advisory Board Feedback for St John the Baptist Dayton MN

1. What are 3 positive things happening in your parish/deanery?

2. What are the top 3 pressing areas for healing and ideas to aid in promoting healing in our parish/deanery?

3. Identify 3-5 areas of priority for the local church.

Please use additional paper if needed. Names are welcome, but not required.