

RMC First Session
Monday, September 13, 2021

Renew My Church Update

On Monday, September 13, 2021, the Evanston Grouping held its first meeting of the Discernment & Decision phase of Renew My Church. St. Athanasius hosted the grouping teams from St. Joan's, St. Mary's, and St. Nick's for a tour, dinner, and meeting. The Sheil Center team was unable to be there on the 13th, because of the Freshman First Night for students and parents, so they attended a separate session for only them at the Sheil Center on Thursday the 15th. The session was led by our three-person facilitating team.

We began with introductions so the grouping team members could get to know each other better. Then the facilitators led us through the overall vision of Renew My Church and described the roles and responsibilities of the grouping team members. Our team members noted this important reminder: the Renew My Church journey is both spiritual and structural. Our goal is to responsibly utilize our resources so our parishes can more effectively make disciples, build communities, and inspire witness. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 20, 2021, and will be hosted by St. Joan of Arc Parish. At that meeting we will be given more information about the characteristics of our grouping parishes.

We thank the members of our Evanston Grouping Teams for accepting the call to serve. Please continue to pray for them and all Evanston Catholics as we work to fulfill the charge Jesus made to St. Francis of Assisi to Renew His Church.

In Christ,

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