

Summary of Focus Groups, Diocese of Eastern Michigan

Questions 1 and 2 - Success, miracle, and joy in the last 5-10 years and best personal experience in the diocese.

- Camp Chickagami (said in all 5 focus groups)
- Coppage Gordon Academy (said in all 5 focus groups)
- Communication/ *The feast*/ Mult-media
- Inclusion, Justice, Outreach
- Transition process from +Todd to +Cate
- Inter-diocesan connections and collaboration, collaboration with other dioceses, grass roots, sense of potential and movement.
- Welcoming, hospitality, invitation to join/serve and lead.
- Diocesan Convention and Diocesan Events.

Questions 3 and 4 - Not done well enough, could have done better in last 5-10 years, opportunities missed, passed us by in last 5-10 years.

- Evangelism, deepening our relationship with God and each other, spiritual growth, faith formation, listening/dialogue and sharing our stories.
- Stewardship and communication/transparency of finances.
- Communication and more connection between diocese/people and “up north” feeling disconnect with the diocesan office.
- Dropping the convocation mode, becoming more centralized

Questions 5 and 6 – What do you want in the next 5-10 years and what needs to be changed and what personal commitments will you give,

- Raising up young people, serving youth
- Improved communications – diocese to parish, parish to parish
- Cross diocese cooperation, cross parish information sharing, reconfigure diocese and borders, community partnerships
- Financial planning accountability and reporting/stewardship
- Be open to the Spirit, remove walls and barriers, let go of fear and pride, step out in faith not fear, pray and encourage, faith sharing testimonies, listen better, storytelling, discernment, less resistance to change, joy.