
Brothers,

At our most recent priest personnel board meeting we spent an hour re-imagining how the archdiocese might best use our priest. It is not unlikely that with some of the mergers, consolidations and closings that occur in implementing "All Things New," some priests will be available for new assignments. The question we asked ourselves was, "Are there some ministries here in the archdiocese where we might consider placing newly-available priests? Where are the needs not being met?" One of the suggestions, for example, was to place a full-time priest in each of our diocesan high schools, or assigning one of our own to do full-time campus ministry at the University of Missouri at Columbia or Rolla. We had a very lively discussion about the possibilities.

I would like to hear some of your ideas on this topic. To that end I invite you to join me here at the Rigali Center on Wednesday, February 23rd at 12:00 noon to continue our discussion. We will provide lunch for those able to attend, and I promise the meeting will not go longer than 1:30p. The Archbishop May Room can accommodate about fifteen, and we will take reservations on a first come/first served basis, much like our recent days of recollection. Please call Sue Rockamann at 314 792 7648 or email her at SueRockamann@archstl.org to let her know if you plan to attend.

If it turns out that many more of you would like to join in the conversation, I will schedule a second or third gathering as needed. Of course, you are also free to contact either myself or Ed Stanger (current chair of the board) to let us know in writing your thoughts on this matter.

Fraternally,
Ken Brown