



Renew My Church Update
April 14, 2021

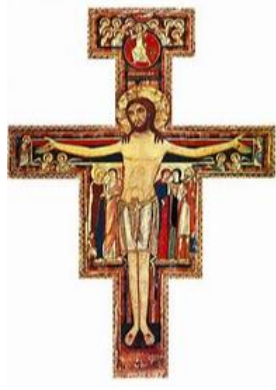
Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Hope,

On Tuesday April 13th the O'Hare Neighborhood Renew My Church Grouping Team met for the last time. During this meeting we reviewed the final draft of the feedback form that will provide information to the RMC Commission and the Cardinal on which scenarios are the most viable for the future well-being of the six parishes in our local grouping. This feedback form will be shared with the RMC Commission on April 21st, presented by the pastors and our grouping's writing team, which consists of one member from each parish in the grouping. Following this presentation, a decision will be made, and that will be shared with all six parishes sometime in mid-May. Once the Cardinal has reached a decision and is prepared to present it, all parishioners from the six local parishes in the grouping will be invited to a joint announcement. This will be done via Zoom. Please look for more information about this in the near future.

Once the decision has been shared, the next phase of the Renew My Church process--Building a New Reality--will begin. Over the next three to four years, the parishes in the grouping will explore their own needs for spiritual renewal. The larger Renew My Church process has stressed the ongoing need for collaboration among local parishes in the future. We all hope to work together in the future to strengthen the spirituality, ministries, and other aspects of parish life to create vital, strong, and growing Catholic parishes in the areas surrounding O'Hare.

Again, if you have any questions, you can reach out to Tom Wetzel at thomaswetzel@ameritech.net as our team's contact person.

Respectfully,
Our Lady of Hope Renew My Church Grouping Team



A prayer for Renew My Church

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and women
who have gone before us.

In every age and in our own time,
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us

to hear you clearly

to listen to each other attentively

to imagine our future boldly

to discern your direction wisely

to persevere in your holy will courageously

to stay together in charity

to surrender our own plans readily

to embrace the greater good

to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints.

May their example and presence

inspire us with patient confidence

in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign

with the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

forever and ever. Amen