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Dear Pastors,

There are some real challenges that pastors are facing as a result of the Covid19 pandemic, e.g.: the financial support of parishes, pastoral outreach to the community when Mass attendance must still be limited; care for families and individuals who have lost their jobs or are in financial difficulty; the role of the parish in the local neighborhood and community, to name a few.

The Diocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and Family and Faith Formation seek to consult with interested pastors in order to put into place resources for the sake of forming lay men and women of the parish to collaborate with their pastors in revitalizing parishes in the wake of Covid19.

A couple weeks ago, you had the opportunity to hear about Co-responsibility and Engagement of the Laity during Priest Study Days. Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P. and Sean Bryan, who have collaborated with the Diocese in the formation of the laity through the Lay Mission Project, have offered to assist us in this endeavor. The initiative would be offered without cost. Some examples of what might be offered are:

- Formation for parish councils and parish leaders, to understand the significance of the parish community in the life and mission of the Church, and, therefore, how best to mobilize the parish community to collaborate with the pastor in his role of parish governance;
- Strategies for pastoral outreach, especially to those most affected by the pandemic;
- What is distinctive of the parish as a community, and what the parish can accomplish on behalf of parishioners and the general population that other organizations cannot;
- How to use the Covid19 pandemic to evangelize.

If you'd like to find out more information on this initiative, we have scheduled an information session on Tuesday, October 27th at 3:30pm via zoom. Use the following link to register:
https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/pandemic_response_information_session

If this sounds good and you are ready for a consultation meeting with Fr. Michael and Sean Bryan please fill out the following form and they will contact you directly.
<https://forms.gle/JE32aiE9zEBhyf7>

Yours In Christ,

Deacon Kevin Staszko
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