

Brothers and Sisters of SLOT:

Here is the latest update for Renew My Church. Our local process of discernment with the representatives from our grouping of SLOT, St. Irenaeus, Infant Jesus of Prague, St. Joseph, St. Anne, and St. Emeric has come to a close. The writing team which consists of one rep from each of our parishes is making their final brush-ups to make the feedback document look sharp, and it will be sent on to the Renew My Church office. From there, it's out of our hands. Below is an approximate timeline for the steps to be taken leading to the final document and recommendations to be given to Cardinal Cupich. Remember, only if any of the groups have questions they want answered for clarification will they contact any or all of us as pastors along the way. So here is the timeline:

Please see the chart below to see the flow of the decision process.

#### How will decisions be made?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initial scenarios: co-created by RMC staff, vicariate team, and grouping pastors</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GFDT discernment*, including creating additional structural scenarios, resulting in feedback summary report</li><li>• *With Parish Session input</li><li>• Grouping Writing Team presents to RMC Executive Committee the feedback summary report on <b>December 6, 2021</b></li><li>• RMC Executive Committee discerns recommendation</li><li>• RMC Commission reviews recommendation for consistency with structural principles and rationale for any recommendations that do not meet the structural principles</li><li>• Presbyteral Council consultation on or about <b>January 11, 2022</b></li><li>• Cardinal makes final decision</li><li>• Announcements will be made on <b>January 24, 2022</b></li></ul>

I hope this is helpful.

Peace,

Rev. Michael J. Novick