

MISSION REPORT FOR PARISH & MISSION DEVELOPMENT
- Fr Thomas Mueller, Chairman

This committee meets several times a year in person or by phone and consists of Bishop MATTHIAS and Joe Kormos (ex officio), Fathers Paul Wesche and Stephen Hrycyniak, Anne-Marie Mecera, Kitty Mabus, and myself (the latter five from the Bishop's and Diocesan Councils.)

Early in the year, we meet to review mission reports and mission grant applications and make grant awards. This year grants were awarded for the period 7/1/11 – 6/30/12 to : Christ the Savior, Anoka, MN.; St. Makarios, Chicago; and St. Nicholas, Lawrence, KS. The grant to St. Nicholas was subsequently increased since the circumstances of the mission changed with the assignment of a resident priest, Fr. Joshua Lollar, this year.

The committee has established diocesan mission development guidelines over the past several years. It has been empowered to review prospective mission planting proposals, in collaboration with the respective deanery, and make recommendations to the diocesan bishop regarding the establishment of formal mission planting efforts.

Some missions also applied for and received parish development grants, which the committee reviewed in a phone conference in August: Holy Apostles, Bloomington-Normal, IL. and St. Nicholas, Lawrence, KS. (both for campus ministry), and St. Elizabeth in Eagan, MN. (for an outreach center.)

I am in the process of contacting mission clergy in late summer and throughout the autumn to see if there are needs or issues which the diocesan committee can address.