



Come to the Water

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Church *of* St. Mary | ALEXANDRIA

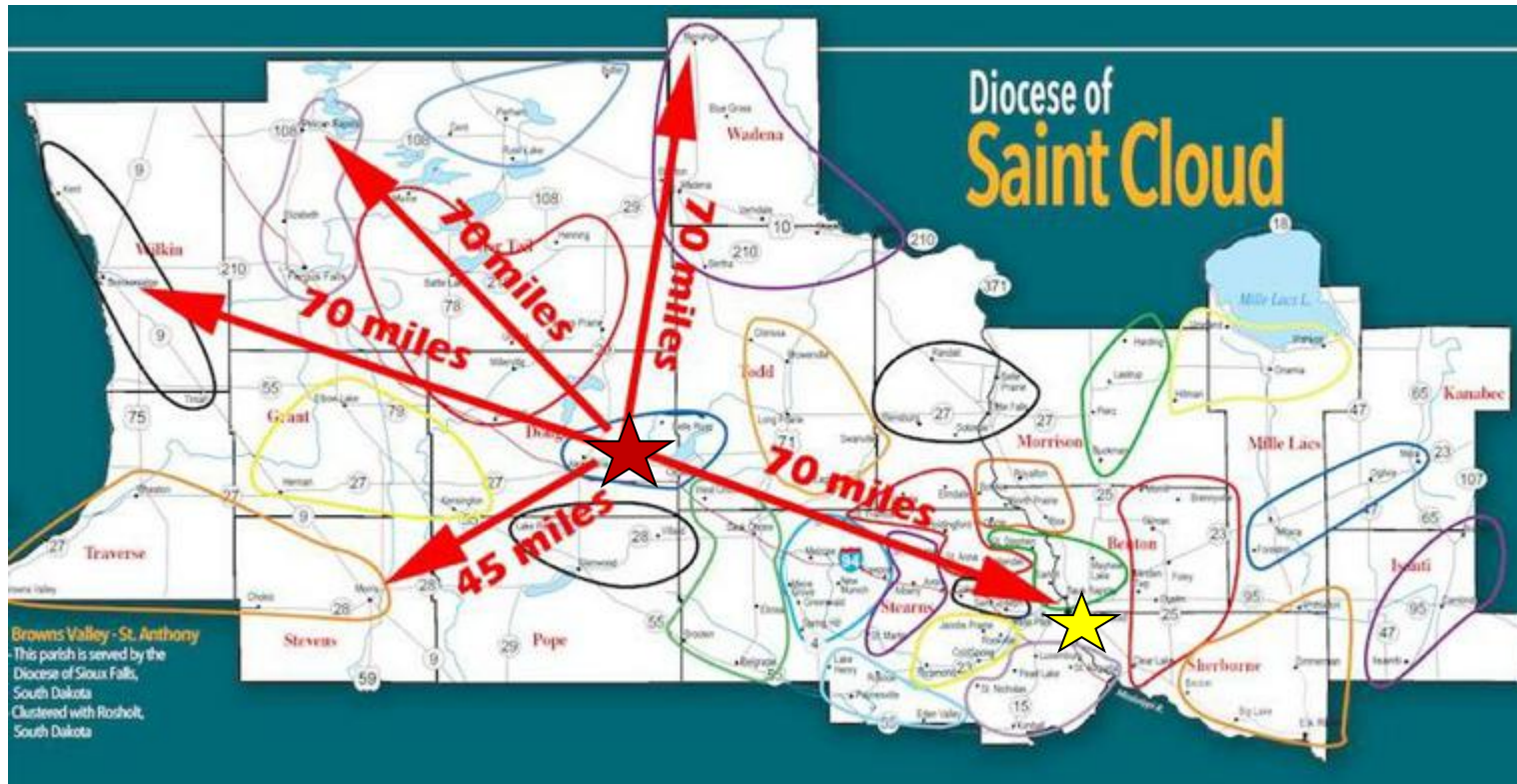
St. Nicholas | BELLE RIVER

Immaculate Conception | OSAKIS

MISSION: To build God's Church across generations by living the Eucharist.

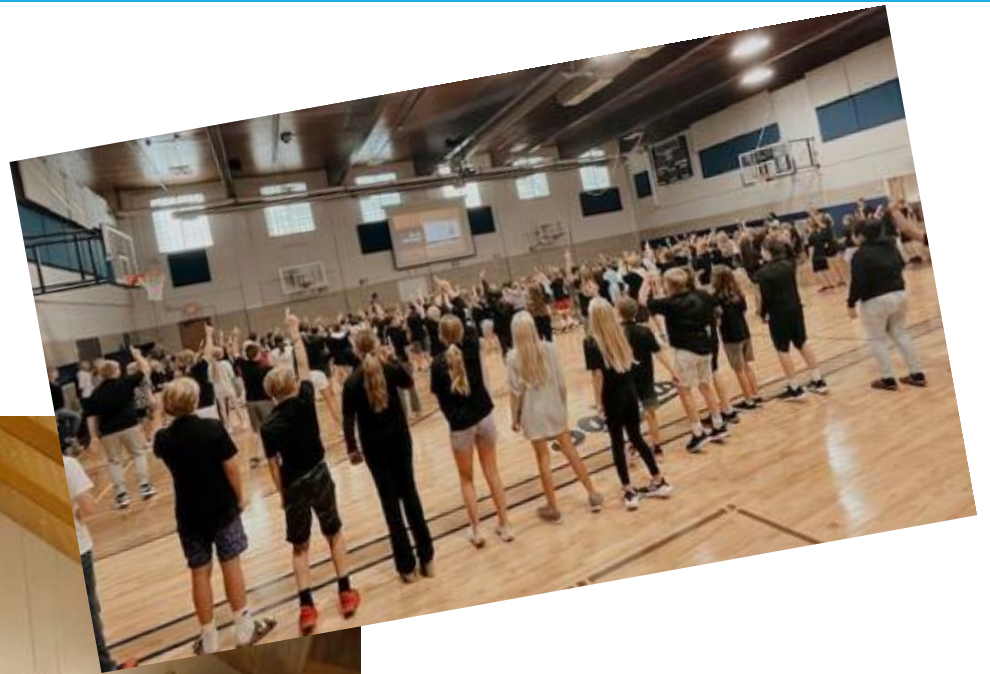
PASTORAL VISIT
February 28, 2024

Hub of western 2/3 of Diocese





The Church of
St. Mary



- 5,300 baptized Catholics
- #1 of 131 parishes

St. Nicholas

Catholic Church of Belle River



- 361 baptized Catholics
- #84 of 131 parishes

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH of OSAKIS



- 660 baptized Catholics
- #60 of 131 parishes

What sets us apart

- 1 Building Bridges through hospitality
- 2 Stewardship and Responsibility as a way of life
- 3 Growing our community with Servant Leadership

Hospitality

Strategic Planning

Accomplishing goals

Deliberate focus on engagement

Stewardship
Committee



ACC-wide

Homebound care

Pictorial directory

Community outreach

Transportation

Visiting parishioners



Building Bridges

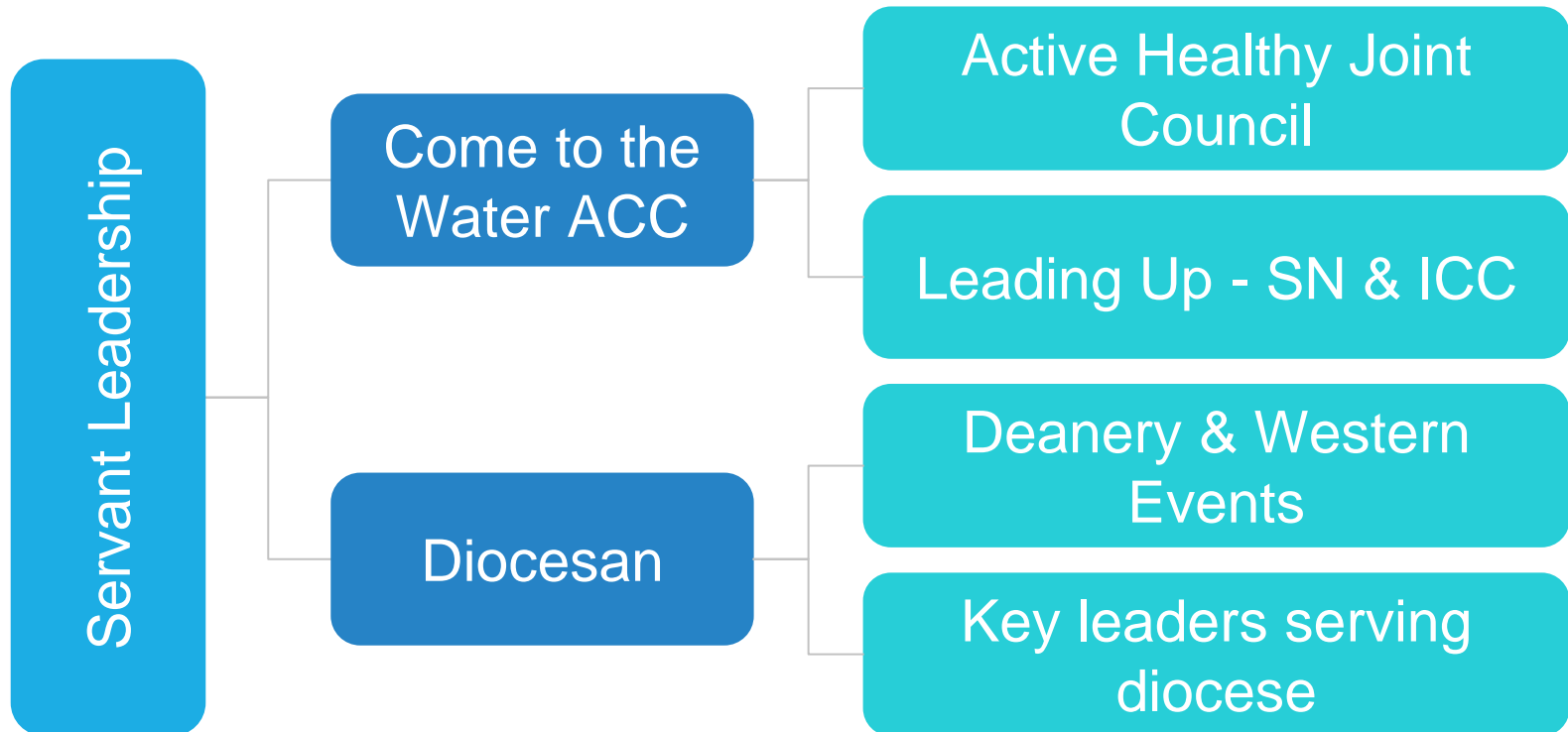
Community building
brick by brick

1 family per week
growth

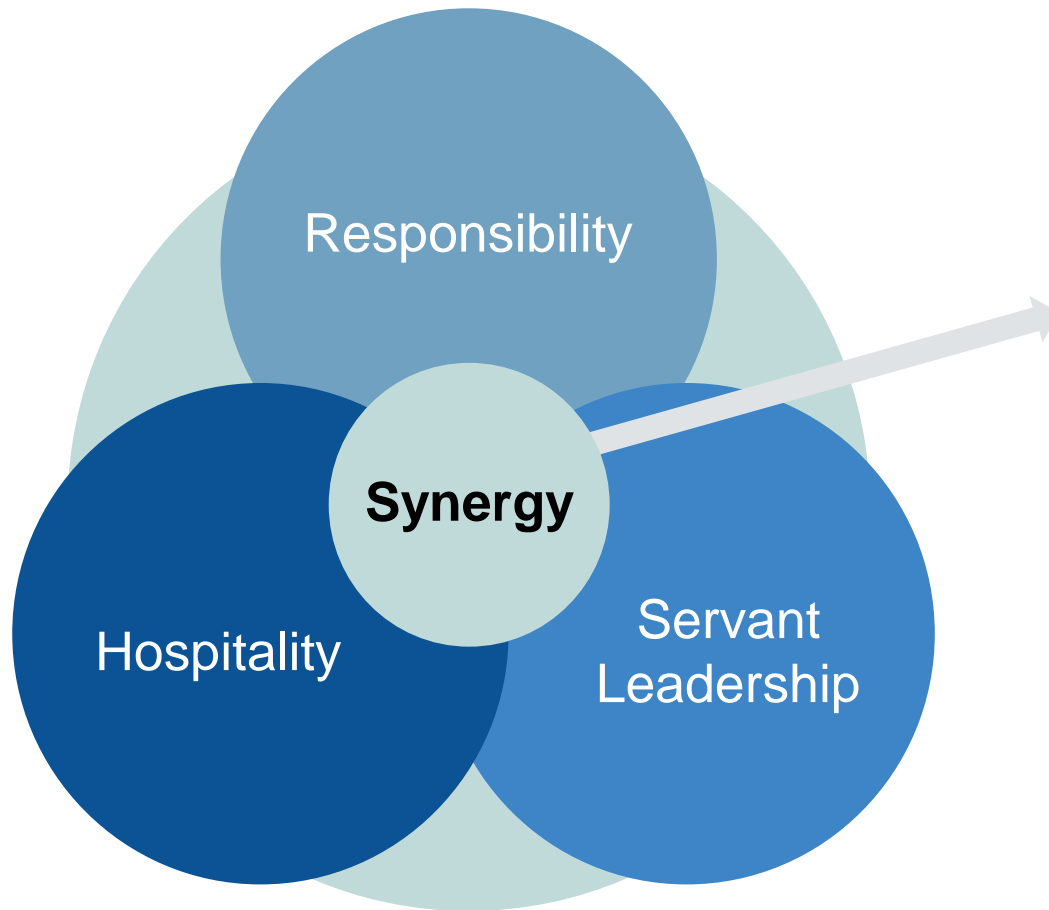
Responsibility

1	Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegation: Administrator, team and priests• Collaboration: Former priests and teams
2	Talent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competitive wages for teachers and team• Volunteers
3	Treasure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balanced budgets and financial health• Campus stewardship

Servant leadership



Synergy



Synergy in Action:

- 2023 Rural Life Celebration (SN)
- ACC Fish Fries (All)
- 40-Hour Devotion (ICC/SN)
- Holy Thursday (SM)
- Thanksgiving Meal (SM)
- Lenten Mission (SM)

9 DAYS FOR LIFE
9DAYSFORLIFE.COM

JANUARY 16 - 24, 2024

A self-directed nine-day prayer experience. Free copies available in the St. Mary's Community Area. Great for discussion group, Bible Study, personal reflection!

Respect for Life Now
9DAYSFORLIFE

FINANCIAL PEACE
University

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University! This nine-lesson class uses wisdom and common sense to help you budget, pay off debt, and make your money work for you.

at fpu.com/7B1139
January 21 - MARCH 17
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL LIBRARY

First Mass
FRIDAY & SATURDAY

MASS • ADORATION • CONFESSION

FIRST FRIDAY MASS
January 5 | 8 AM
Immaculate Conception Adoration & Confession to follow

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
January 6 | 9 AM
Immaculate Conception Adoration & Confession to follow

Immaculate Conception
Come to the Water

A Lenten Mission with
VALLIMAR JANSEN

MARCH 15 | 7:00-7:45 PM
"Jesus Loves the Little Children"
MINI CONCERT

MARCH 16-18 | 6:30-8:00 PM

Join us for a Lenten Mission that will inspire a renewed, passionate love of our faith through Scripture, song, story and movement led by Vallimar Jansen.

Vallimar will speak at all weekend Masses on March 16 & 17. All are welcome! stmarysok.org

Fun nights or getting the priest and enjoy some desserts too!

PLEASE JOIN US

GRILL THE PRIEST
Just Desserts

ALL ARE WELCOME

Wednesday, January 24 | 6:30 pm
Immaculate Conception Church
306 West Oak Street, Osakis

NOTE NEW LOCATION!

Fun nights or getting the priest and enjoy some desserts too!

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WARDSHIP
Way of Life

Living a Life of Stewardship

SPRING 2024

Young and Young Families

Sunday, February 25
2:00 - 4:30 pm
Mary's School Staff Lounge



Middle School Tubing at Andes Tower Hills
Sunday, February 25, 4-6 pm
Andes Tower Hills
For ACC students in grades 6-8

Parents will need to provide transportation. Send along checks to money to purchase snacks!

Free! No cost to tube!

Click here or scan the QR code to register so we know how many students will be tubing.

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THE CARING & SHARING ROOM
2023 Annual Report

By the Numbers

- 35 years serving those in need
- 12 agencies make referrals
- 90 volunteers, no paid staff
- 149 households served
- 392 donors served
- 1,291 pieces of needed items & funds
- 78,835 pounds of furniture & household items
- 573,265 worth of household furnishings shared

OUR MISSION
Our mission is to collect, store, and provide used furniture and basic household items in good condition from community members and share referrals to those in need in Douglas County through our approved community service and crisis agencies.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT
This facility is supported by The Church of St. Mary in Alexandria, local churches, organizations and individuals who contribute the rental costs of our storage space at the 700 Cedar Street.

DONATIONS
The Caring & Sharing Room is open for donations at 700 Cedar Street on Thursdays, 9:00AM - 12:00 PM or by appointment. Pickup of items is available by appointment. Call 320-760-8084.

COORDINATOR
Brian and Mary coordinators fill this role.

Sign up and to RSVP for child care, Samantha at 320-808-5850

A group is intended to provide support during the busy years of dating. This group will be a place to build each other up, provide thoughtful in family friendly activities, provide support and women's outings and, yes, even go on dates on February 25! Child care is available.

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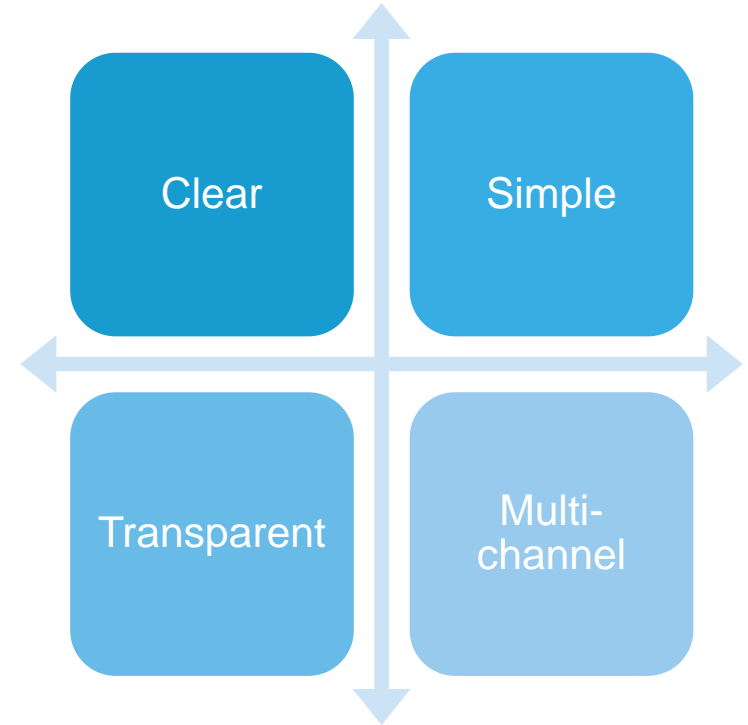
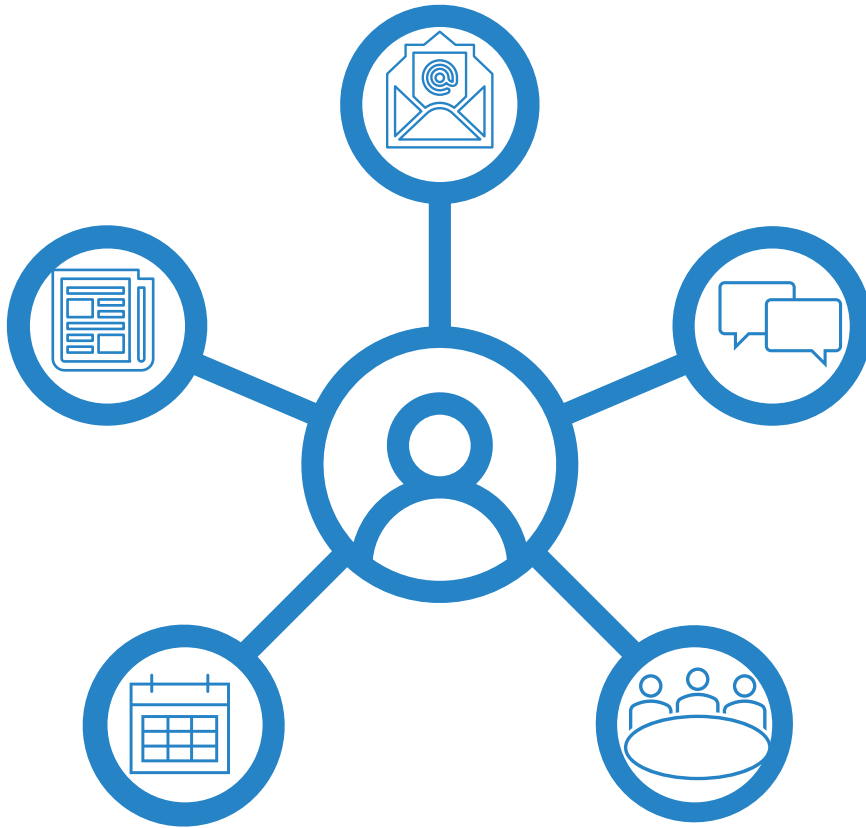
What we're working to improve

1 Communication

2 Involvement and ownership

3 Balance

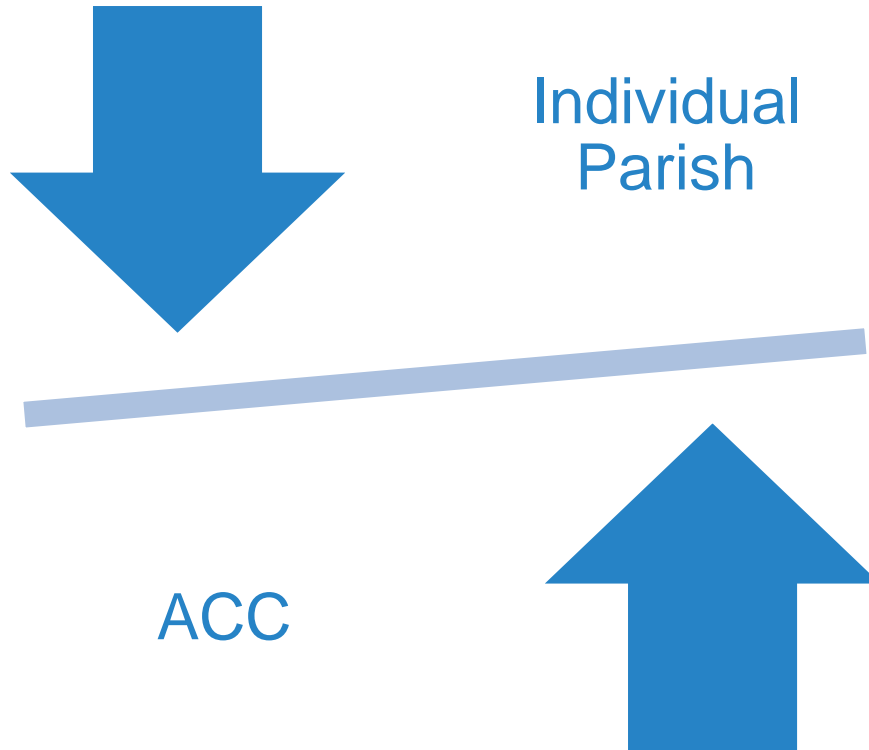
Communication



Involvement and ownership



Balance



- Pastoral Presence
- Maintain / Find Identity
- Expanded staff roles
- Catholic school

Diocesan Collaboration

What can our ACC offer?

What does our ACC need?

Diocesan Collaboration

What can our ACC offer?

- Central geography in diocese
 - Facilities to accommodate (Gathering of people)
- Experienced staff
 - Growing Faith Formation team
 - Business administration
 - Music and music programs
- Diversity
 - Very rural to area business hub
 - Leadership roles of all ages



Diocesan Collaboration

What does our ACC need?

- Continuation of:
 - Professional development
 - Collaborative workshops (e.g., this event today)
- More consistent programs diocese-wide
 - Faith programs for children
- New technology
 - App for phone or tablet



Thank you!