

The Diocese of the Midwest Family Life Website Report 2019

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What we do:

The Midwest Family Website seeks to realize the vision of His Grace Bishop Paul, outlined in his encyclical of Jan 24, 2017, for a resource for parents and children confronting the press of our secular culture. It went online in April of 2018, publishing weekly reflections by His Grace. Over the months, we have also published eight contributor articles and hosted eight interactive Livestream discussions with His Grace about various family issues.

Who we are:

The website is run by a committee consisting of His Grace Bishop Paul, Fr. Jacob Van Sickle of Protection of the Virgin Mary in Merrillville, IN, Janet Ames of Holy Transfiguration in Livonia, MI, and Adam Lockridge of Holy Trinity in Overland Park, KS. Stacy Sennott of St. Luke's in Palos Hills is our webmaster, who also consults on content. Fr. John Matusiak was, until his repose, our copy editor. Those duties have since devolved to Fr. Jacob. The committee meets via teleconference every two to three months to discuss topics for upcoming posts and Livestreams, to review received articles for publication, and to identify and implement ideas for future content.

Plans for the future:

We are looking to solicit more articles, reflections, and resources on relevant topics from qualified and able authors throughout the diocese. We are also looking for ways to better get the word out through the parishes to the people of our diocese about this resource and especially when the livestreams occur. Bishop Paul appreciates hearing the concerns of his flock, and he is trying to be as responsive as possible. We welcome the suggestions of our parish pastors about how to make this as effective and accessible a resource as possible

Respectfully submitted,

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