

Midwest Family Website Report

2020 Diocesan Assembly

The Midwest Family Website (www.midwestfamily.org) exists to fulfill Archbishop Paul's vision of a trustworthy diocesan resource for families, to help them be the Little Church. It is administered by Fr Jacob Van Sickle with guidance from Archbishop Paul and a committee of advisors, which currently include Janet Ames, Adam Lockridge, and Jennifer Haynes. To date the website has hosted the following resources for families:

- Archbishop Paul's weekly reflections on contemporary issues, which are geared toward helping parents help their children navigate the ever-changing world we live in while remaining faithful to the unchanging faith of Jesus Christ.
- Occasional Livestream events with Archbishop Paul, during which parishioners are able to pose their questions about family life directly to His Eminence and receive real time counsel.
- Guest articles by esteemed Orthodox writers from within and outside the diocese on issues of import to families related to the authors' expertise.
- Notices and Links to other reputable, Orthodox events and resources of interest to families.

Since our last assembly, the website has hosted two Livestreams and added a new advisor (Jennifer Haynes). Our next major step will be to develop a network of contacts throughout the diocese, which we hope will better connect us with the families our ministry seeks to support and enable us to maintain a full and up-to-date listing of local, family-oriented, Orthodox events throughout the Midwest.

Respectfully submitted,

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