



Latest Happenings In the Diocese: Lay Leaders Plan “The Way Forward”

Fr. Rohan Tulloch, Deacon Ronald Thwaites and Mrs. Margaret Brissett-Bolt were the special guest speakers for a Lay Leadership Session on October 31 on “The Way Forward”. Over 100 priests, religious and lay faithful were in attendance as the speakers encouraged them to create a vision of the future of the churches and the Diocese.

Deacon Thwaites encouraged the faithful to set an example through the way we live, saying that “we as Catholics must live happy and compassionate lives”, and “not gossip” but work together as a church community. Fr. Rohan Tulloch pointed out that it is our responsibility to see the good in each person and to “bring out that good in each other”. Mrs. Brissett-Bolt told the faithful to share their personal stories of how God became real in their lives, as a way to bring others to God, because “people want to hear our story”.



Above: Deacon Thwaites addresses the group of lay leaders.

The listeners were then asked to separate into groups according to church parishes, and to discuss their vision for their churches in 3-5 years. The discussions were energetic and enthusiastic, and representatives of each group made presentations of their visions for full churches, vibrant church communities and active youth groups, with some persons offering specific plans that they planned to implement for the future.

Deacon Thwaites expressed his pleasure at the energy and optimism of the participants and encouraged them to continue to make and implement plans that will move them towards achieving their stated goals.



Participants listen keenly to the guest presenters.



St. Croix Catholic Church parish members discuss the future of their church.