

20 October 2020

Subject: Town Hall with Bishop Mark Rivotuso at St. Rita Parish

To St. Rita Parishioners,

Subject Town Hall took place on 15 October 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in church, with Bishop Rivotuso as the archdiocesan representative. About 30 parishioners participated, along with Msgr. Turek and Deacon Dave. The topic of the Town Hall was the present status and the future of St. Rita Parish. Msgr. and Bishop Rivotuso opened with prayer and some short remarks, followed by a presentation of parish demographic and financial data by Deacon Dave. Then Bishop Rivotuso led a listening session with the parishioners, addressing questions and listening to suggestions and concerns.

The Bishop has given the parish the opportunity to prepare and submit a plan to mitigate the declining number of parish households and deficit spending of parish reserves. The plan is due to Archbishop Rozanski by 18 December 2020. The St. Rita parish council has the responsibility to lead and prepare the response, soliciting your inputs and assistance as needed. Please support them in this effort. Direct questions and comments to the council. See contact information below.

Enclosed you will find:

- A copy of Bishop Rivotuso's Town Hall letter to the parish
- A copy of the Parish Data presented at the Town Hall, with an update to address marriage statistics
- A copy of Archbishop Emeritus Carlson's "Seven Signs of a Vibrant, Evangelizing Parish"

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Keep the parish and the archdiocese in your prayers in these challenging times.

Sincerely,



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