



What is the Diocese of Marquette Development Roundtable?

What is It?

An informal network of clergy and laity in the U.P. interested in fundraising and development as ministry. This is a networking, learning, friendship, and fellowship group that meets to share best practices, encourage fundraising grounded in prayer and gratitude, and support one another in our respective roles.

The vision for this group is to keep an informal roundtable format, with open invitation to anyone doing the work of development, whether they are associated with a particular Catholic ministry or not. We recognize that we share donors and believe that building relationships is key to successful development work.

How Often & Where Does It Meet?

3 times/year, Summer, Fall and Spring. Meeting locations rotate around the diocese and may be hosted by someone from the Roundtable. Meetings are generally in-person, on-site of the host (during COVID-19 we met via Zoom.) Generally, the Summer meeting is hosted by the diocese in Marquette.

How Are the Meeting Structured?

Meetings are typically 1.5 to 2 hours, plus a meal where additional networking & relationship building can take place. The agenda includes introduction of everyone present, 2 Discussion Items (brainstormed previously by the group) which last about 40 minutes each, in which all present contribute to the learning & discussion.

What Topics are Discussed at the Roundtable?

Past topics have included Marketing for Fundraising, Acquiring New Donors, Insights on Development Strategies During the Pandemic and Fundraising Outlook, Capital Campaigns, Annual Giving and #iGiveCatholic.

How Do I Join?

Contact Terri and ask to be added to the Development Roundtable mailing list. Terri maintains the email list, organizes the meeting agendas, and sends out email invitations approximately 1-month prior to each Roundtable.

Interested in Hosting a Roundtable?

Rotating hosts/locations facilitates relationship-building and learning. Responsibilities of the host include reserving the meeting room, providing beverages and meal, providing a tour of the facility, and welcoming the Roundtable participants. Contact Terri.

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