

# DIOCESAN RESTRUCTURING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY CATECHESIS



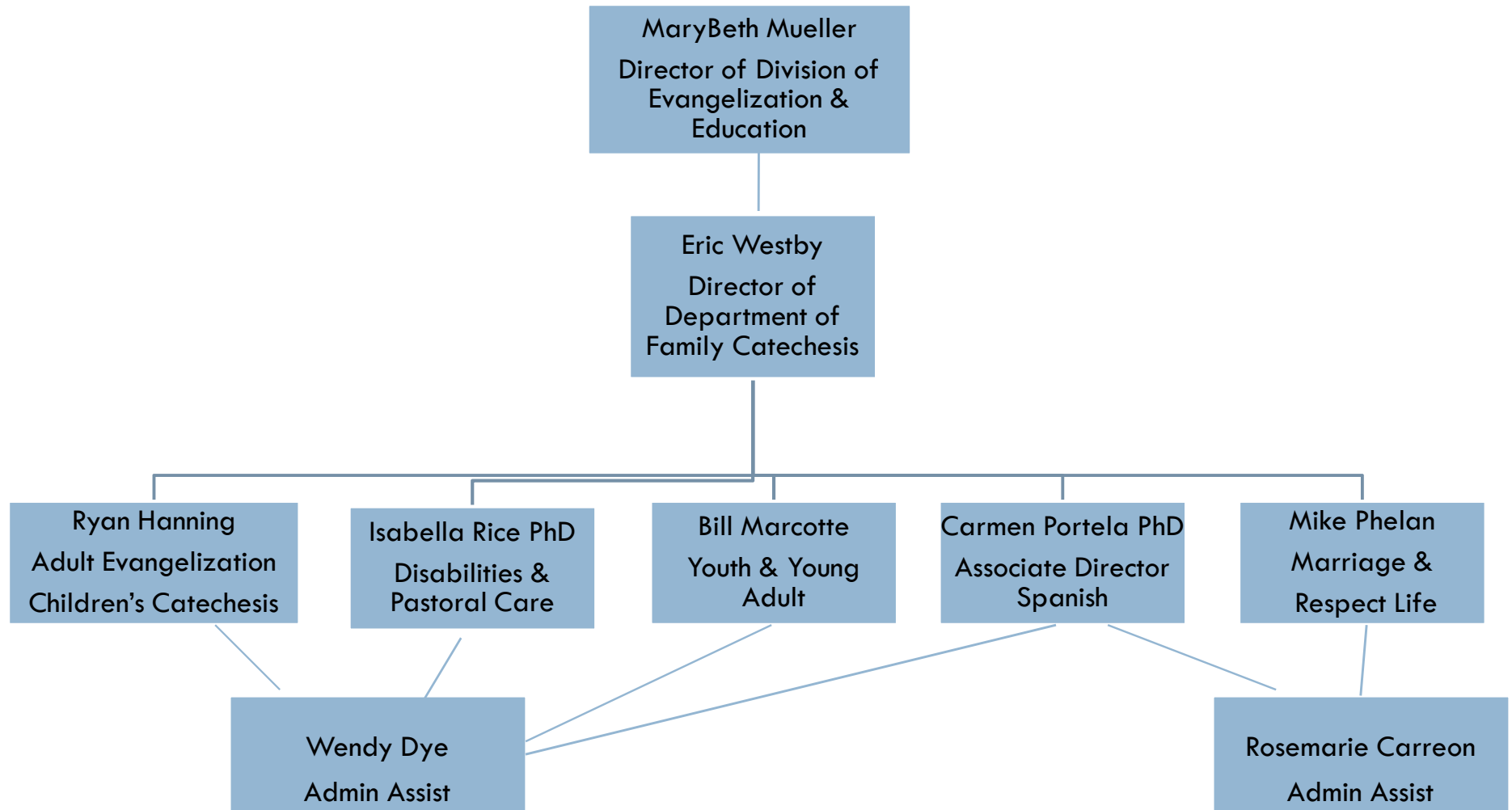
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# Intro

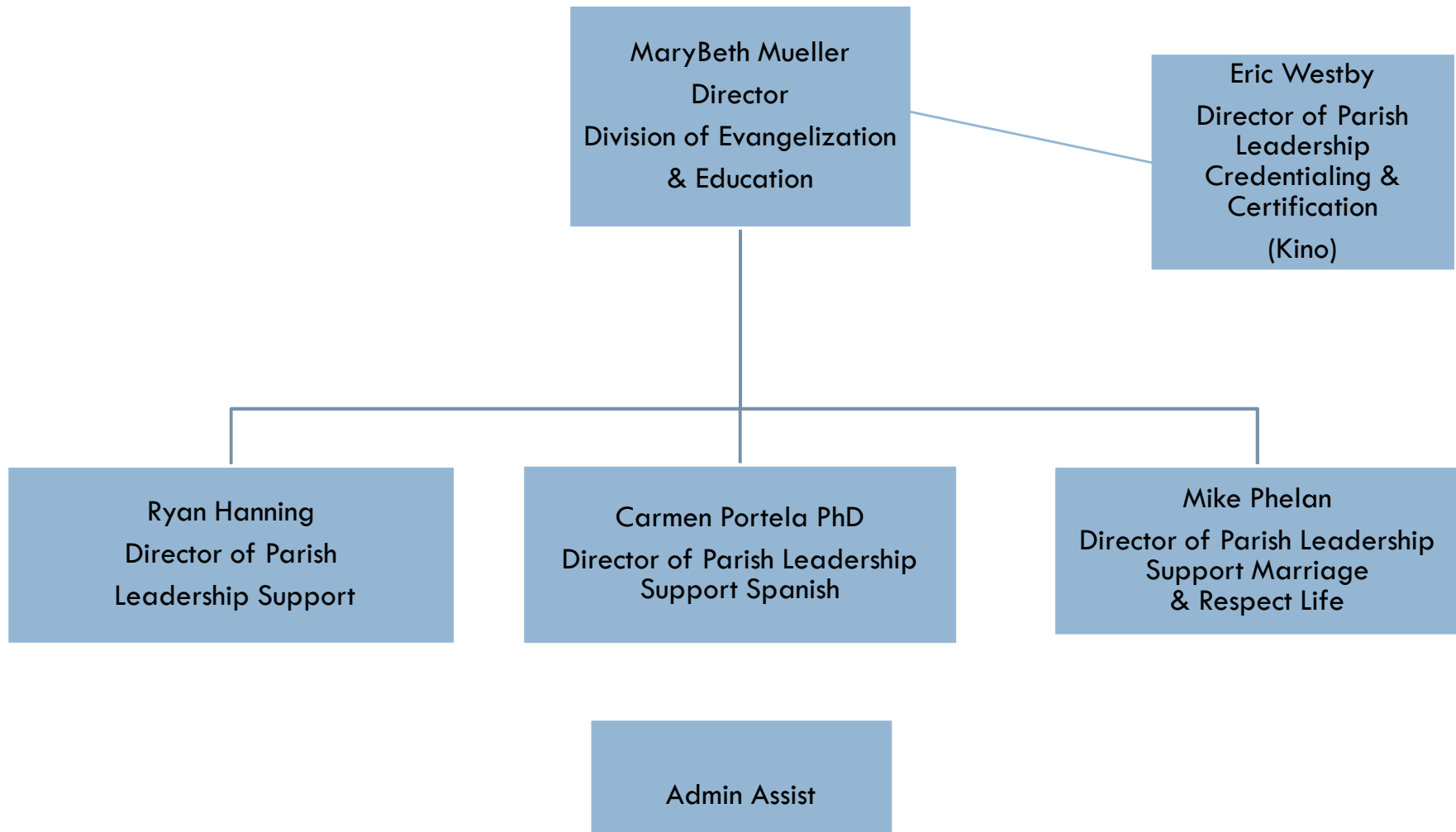


- On March 9<sup>th</sup> in light of an expected budget deficit 15 positions were cut from the Diocesan Pastoral Center.
- The Department of Family Catechesis was restructured reflecting the elimination of 3 positions.
- This brief presentation illustrates how the Department of Family Catechesis is responding to these changes to insure that essential services for parish leadership in the areas of evangelization and catechesis continue.
- As with any transition this has been a difficult process, and we encourage you to keep those who were most affected by the restructuring in your prayers.

# Organizational Chart (Old)



# Organizational Chart (New)



# Services (a brief summary)

## □ Previous Model

- Offices offer training and support to pastors and parish leaders in order to help them better serve their people.
- Offices offer direct services to parishioners on behalf of parishes. (e.g. Diocesan Wide Youth Retreat)
- Each office has an expert who can directly address individual needs of parishes.
- Each office creates particular events for the people of the Diocese (e.g. Bible Study Expo, Disabilities Retreat etc)
- Each office has multiple advisory committees who help each office respond to local needs.

## □ New Model

- Offices offer training and support to pastors and parish leaders in order to help them better serve their people.
- Each office focuses on the training of leaders and equipping them with best resources available in the areas of evangelization and catechesis in their field.
- The Department has Directors of Leadership Support who can appropriately answer or refer to the proper resource & mentor.
- Each office supports parishes and deaneries (i.e. recommends speakers, resources, etc.) for events. (e.g. Diocesan Wide Youth Retreat sponsored by YAI)
- Each office has task-forces who assist with the implementation of leadership training.

# New Positions

Ryan Hanning

Director of Parish  
Leadership Formation

- Provides support, services and training to Parishes, Pastors, and Leaders in the areas of Evangelization and Catechesis for Children, Youth & Young Adults, Adults, Pastoral Care, and those with Disabilities.

Carmen Portela PhD

Director of Parish  
Leadership Formation  
Spanish

- Provides support, services and trainings to parishes, pastors, priests and leaders to enable the evangelistic and catechetical outreach to the Hispanic Community.

Mike Phelan

Director of Parish  
Leadership Marriage &  
Respect Life

- Provides support, services and trainings to parishes, pastors, priests and leaders in the area of Marriage and Respect Life.

Eric Westby (Kino)

Director of Parish  
Leadership Credentialing &  
Certification

- Directs Catechetical Leader Credentialing, Catechist Certification, and Prepare the Way under the auspices of KINO Institute

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