Gabriel Updates

*News and updates for all those who use
Gabriel Software in their ministry*

Diocese of
Green Bay

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Good Afternoon!

We will be producing updates every week on Monday's for as long as we have information for the Parishes on the topic of Gabriel Software. If you have a topic you wish to be passed on to the Parishes, please email or call Roy Verstegen.

Thank you,
Roy Verstegen

Duplicate Members

You could see cleanup work from the duplicate family merges. We were able to merge nearly 10,000 pairs of families together because we had two separate family IDs with the same family first name, last name, address, and city. This means, we have two families with the same first name, last name, living at the same address and city. That is unlikely to happen.

The merging process could add duplicate members to a single family ID. The Parishes on the family merge project made a good decision on how to merge members together. The decision made was to merge members together that matched exact on first name and date of birth. With both of these fields matching each other, from both parishes, we could feel confident this is the same person and the two members could be merged into one and still keep the member committees and sacraments intact.

The first name must match because we did not want to lose any members when we merged families together. We did run into situations where one parish did a baptism on an infant and the other parish did not even know the infant was born. Another possibility we noticed, was one parish named the member first name Dave and the other parish gave him the first name of David. First name matching will give us all the members of the family from both parishes.

The date of birth must match to cover a situation in the family where a Jr and a Sr existed in the family. We could have two David's in the family with birth dates twenty plus years apart. This describes a situation where we have a Jr and a Sr existing in the family. We want both members available in the family in this case.

When you come across these duplicate members, we would ask that you clean them up in Gabriel. When cleaning these records, please take a look at the sacraments, religious education, and committees for both duplicates. One could have a sacrament that the other does not have. The sacraments, religious education, and committees should be placed on the member that is staying with the family.

Cares Act

A thank you goes out to Bill Noel with St Philip in Green Bay and Charlie Mares with the

Finance & Accounting department at the Diocese for bringing this to everyone's attention. Congress has modified the CARES act to create a new tax deduction that we should know.

Here is a section of the article...
Congress included a provision in the CARES Act that creates a new partial above-the-line deduction for cash contributions up to $300 to certain charitable organizations for taxpayers that elect not to itemize deductions.

If we need to modify Gabriel Software to account for this new tax law by the end of this year, let's get this project on the Trello project board and address it in plenty of time for tax statements in January.

Standard Fund Account Names

We are looking for help to develop standard fund names. If you would like to be contribute to this project and help develop fund names standards please let Roy Verstegen know via email or phone call.

Here is an example of standard fund name we are looking to develop. These are existing fund names in Gabriel today.

Restr Donation-Flowers
Restricted Donation - Environment-Flowers
Restricted Donation - Flowers
Restricted Donation-Flowers
Restricted Donations- Flowers
Restricted Funds- Flowers

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