

2019-2020 ST RAPHAEL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

May 19, 2020 via ZOOM

Present: Fr Dan, Susie Allen, Bob Barron, Paul Benton, Andy Blank, Joy Brackett, Kate Helm, Marian Johnston, Pete Makris, Phil McEntee, Sue Sullivan

Absent: Fr John, Lacy Cortez, Dan Koys, Laura Mersinger

Opening Prayer: Fr Dan

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ Several Diocesan administrators have taken this time to announce their retirement
 - Finance
 - Schools
- ◆ Abbot Dismas, at the age of 91, has announced his retirement
- ◆ RE Director, Mark Hoffmeyer, is retiring
 - Sydney is completing her apprenticeship and will take over the position
 - There will be a part-time person to lend assistance
- ◆ On-line schooling has been going great
 - Our teachers have been working with the students for most of the school-day
 - Spending 7-8 hours per day with their students
- ◆ First Communion will be rescheduled for some time in either August or September
- ◆ The new webpage will be completed and going on-line in about a month
- ◆ The priests and deacons have been writing reflections that are being posted daily to help with the parishes spiritual journey
 - Church Chats are also being filmed and posted on the parish Facebook page
 - To get to know the various ministries thorough some of the parishioners that are involved in them
- ◆ The parish received an official document from the Diocese of Joliet regarding their Reopening Plan
 - A detailed document that is 46 pages long
 - Weddings and Funerals will start being allowed
 - Currently up to 10 people may attend, but an eventual increase to 20-25% of the church's seating capacity is expected once all documentation is sent by the parish to the diocese.
 - Staff will be making a movie of what can be expected with this "new normal"
 - There is discussion about having ushers to direct seating and the reception of communion
 - Knights of Columbus have volunteered to assist
 - Reservations will be required to attend masses for the time being

- If someone attending should develop the COVID virus, any parishioners attending the same mass can then be notified of their exposure
- Parishioners will need to limit their reservations to allow the same opportunity for others
- A committee will be formed to help the parish in enacting the steps necessary to follow the Reopening Plan
- ◆ The upside of the pandemic has been the decrease in parish expenses
 - Electric costs have decreased by approximately \$6000
 - Cleaning expenses have decreased by approximately \$8000
 - Offertory collections have remained good

Ministry Updates: Ministry updates were previously emailed to PPC members. Most ministries have remained at a status quo. A couple have held meetings through Zoom.

PPC will try to meet in July in which officers will be selected.