

**St. Raphael Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of the April 13, 2021 Meeting**

Attendance: Fr. Dan Bachner, Deacon Kurt Lange, Pete Makris, Kate Helm, Dan Koys, Sue Sullivan, Jenn Pfundstein, Bob Barron, Paul Betten, Andy Blank, Marian Johnston, Joy Brachtet, Lacy Cortez.

Absent: Fr. Jose "MM" Cerna, Dennis Kiraly.

- I. Opening Prayer: Kate Helm
- II. Old Business
 - A. The minutes of the March PPC meeting were approved.
 - B. Bringing People Back
 1. Our parish is doing very well at bringing people back into church.
 2. The Diocese of Joliet may issue some new guidelines within a few weeks.
- III. Pastor's Report
 - A. Financial
 1. The Sunday collections are running at about two-thirds of what we had budgeted.
 2. We received a stimulus package (PPP) for \$500,000.
 - B. Physical Facilities
 1. We will finish the parking lot this year. Fr. Dan noted that we spread out the work over a few years so as to not have a special collection for it.
 2. The skylights in the church must be replaced because they are leaking and cannot be repaired.
 3. A new statue of St. Joseph will be placed in front of the school.
 4. We must update our card-key system, hopefully to FOBs that can be carried on a key-chain.
 - C. School
 1. The school year ends on May 28, 2021.
 2. The eight-graders made a great Way of the Cross video.
- IV. Commission Reports
 - A. Liturgical Life (Sue Sullivan reporting)
 1. The commission thought that Holy Week and Easter liturgies went well.
 2. Many parishioners indicated that they were happy to get back into church.
 3. There will soon be three openings for new members on this commission.
 - B. Adult Faith (Deacon Kurt Lange reporting)
 1. We held a closing Mass for the CREEDS program.
 2. Although RCIA officially closes with the Easter Vigil, people will still meet a few times about parish activities.
 3. We will no longer have retreats in the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) program.
 4. Deacon Kurt is planning some adult retreats.
 5. The Diocese of Joliet's website includes an adult faith section. Fr. Burke is doing two daily videos, one on the day's Mass readings and one on the fourth part of the catechism.
 - C. Finance (Marian Johnston reporting)
 1. The Diocese of Joliet is doing its routine audit of the parish.
 2. We will soon have a few vacancies on the staff.
 - D. Religious Education (Jenn Pfundstein reporting)
 1. We have some retreats coming up.
 2. Raphael Peer Ministry (RPM) would like to schedule some short trips.
 - E. School (Kate Helm reporting)
 1. We have offers out to two new teachers.
 2. The school is losing two people.
 3. The school gala raised \$146,000.

4. Home and School is holding virtual parent-child nights.
 5. There will be a parent appreciation event in May.
 6. We do not have volleyball, but we do have track (because track is held outdoors).
 7. We will have a plant sale this year.
 8. Some parents are volunteering to come into the school to lead the students in praying the rosary.
 9. There have been no in-school transmissions of Covid-19. Fr. Dan credits the new air filtration system.
- F. Service (Bob Barron reporting)
1. Hessel House will start allowing people to volunteer in the kitchen.
 2. We will probably have a St. Vincent de Paul collection this summer.
- G. Pastoral Care (Paul Betten reporting)
1. This ministry is still on hold because the hospital is closed to this ministry.
- H. Young Adult (Andy Blank reporting)
1. Some young adults are meeting.
 2. We hope to get this ministry going in the Fall.
- V. New Business
- A. New Members
1. Some current PPC members will be rotating off the council, so we must determine how we will discern new members.
 2. Fr. Dan asks that the present members stay on, if they wish.
 3. There will be a note in the Bulletin asking for new members.
- B. May PPC Meeting
1. Fr. Dan invited all the PPC members to the rectory for the May PPC meeting.
 2. Fr. Dan will provide the meat, and he asks each PPC member attending to bring a dish to pass.
- VI. Closing Prayer