

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Attendance: Father Dan Bachner, Pete Makris Lacy Cortez, Joy Brackett, Marian Johnston

Absent: Father Jose "MM" Cerna, Andy Blank, Jenn Pfundstein, Tony Golab, Kate Helm, Peggy Overholt, Sean Hayden

Opening Prayer: Fr. Dan

I. Old Business

A. February meeting minutes were approved. March meeting was cancelled.

II. Pastor's Report

A. Lent - the catechesis books sold out. Thinking of extending the Tuesday talks another 5 weeks and bring back in the fall.

B. Next year's PPC - do we consider a restructuring, would a smaller group do better?

C. Facility - Windows are up, roofing will be done this summer.

D. School - Still looking for a principal replacement.

E. Looking at bringing back the old mass times in the fall.

F. New Associate Pastor coming July 1st.

G. Commissions are still ramping up out of COVID protocols.

H. Finance - 97% of year-to-date budget collected, shortfall is \$53K.

III. Questions to contemplate from the Diocese:

A. How do prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire us and guide the community?

1. When the homily brings readings to a modern life perspective and guide how to 'walk the talk' in this day and age.

2. Group faith events give the opportunity to experience it together such as teen ministry and adult retreats.

3. How can we reach those not seeking a deeper relationship with God? Those that are showing up to 'check the box', getting confusing messages from society.

4. We have to cut through the paganism and materialistic society.

5. As Catholics we need to speak our faith to reach people.

6. The Parish can offer different opportunities like the Novenas on Tuesday.

B. How does prayer and liturgy inspire the most important decisions?

1. Keeping Christ in mind, 'What would Jesus do?'

2. Regular prayer and liturgy experiences keep faith based views top of mind when challenged by immoral society norms.

C. How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?

1. Personal invitation - everyone invite one person each week.

a. Need to get over the fear of hearing 'no'.

b. Don't worry about if they enjoy the mass or continue, let God do His great work.

c. The Parish can consider a program called ALPHA or 'Radical Hospitality'.

2. Sharing Responsibility - All members are called to participate in the mission of the church. 'You are claimed by Christ'

e. RIM - Relative Identity Mission, 'What is my calling?'

f. Get back to catechesis, people have forgotten.

g. People that don't have a relationship with God. They are going through a 'checklist' of sacraments to get into heaven.

D. How is discernment about missionary choices made and by whom?

1. People should ask 'What moves me?', be introspective. Know what doesn't fit for them.

2. Parishes having varied opportunities to get involved.
3. The choice is made by the individual.
4. In a sonata style, make decisions by discernment by listening to the whole community. Do we make decisions centered around the whole community?
5. Do take input from commissions and committees, but still make decisions based in catechesis.
6. Foster a very open sense of community.

IV. Next Meetings

A. May 10, 2022

B. June 14, 2022

V. Closing Prayer by Father Dan Bachner.

VI. Adjournment