



**PPC Meeting Notes
Monday November 4th, 2019
Fr. Ivers room, 7-9p**

Present:

Fr Trout, Deacon George Kashmar, Megan Pavelske, Gerry Salzman, Dennis Valentini, Marjorie Gaitan, Brian Savage, Bridget Chaney

Prayer:

The meeting opened with CFTK/Seven Steps – thank you Fr Trout for leading us.

Pastor Topics:

- The worship aid will go back to having the readings and there will be different music for the different masses. This will begin on the first Sunday of Advent.
- **PPC Guidelines input:** We appear to be ahead of the curve. The structure we now have works well and the Archdiocese will try to find a good fit when selecting the next pastor. Also, Father Trout is planning to invite a Vanderbilt's Bob Gorman here to present about Pope Francis' plan.
- **Parish wide Survey/Evaluations:** Results should come back this month.

Commission Updates

Social Justice/Marjorie Gaitan. Highlights include:

- Missions Sunday went well!
- Suggestions for improvement/change: Father Trout mentioned that the banners circling in front creates a barrier between the speaker and the congregation. Also, it was a disruption at the 7:15 mass when the banner holders left their pews for the Narthex. Doing this after the Alleluia would be better than after the first reading. Father suggested that a video would be a better way to display these missions. For example, a video could show a child receiving a bed from the bed ministry.
- The Bed Ministry has existed for one year on November 23. The goal has been to make and deliver 300 beds by then, and there currently has been 235 beds delivered.
- Several other ministry updates can be found on Marjorie's report.
- Father Trout has suggested that the first day of the Christmas tags and the Seminarian's Clothing Drive be moved further apart from each other. Right now they are only a day apart, and two "asks" in two days is a lot.

- Father Trout also said that the Social Justice Commission needs to make refugees at the border a part of the commission. He said that he would get someone to speak to the commission about this.

Accountability/Brian Savage. Highlights include:

- Contributions are down approximately -9% , we are seeing a shift in the weekly offerings into social justice.
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- ACA was off to a slow start but have improved now.
- See Brian’s report for the details on the year-end financials, stewardship and facilities.
- Replacement of the school’s south wing curtain wall is going to be much more expensive than originally thought. This will be discussed in detail at the Finance meeting on November 18.
- The November 18 Finance meeting will occur with everyone invited for approximately one hour. After a break, PPC and Finance only will continue to meet.
- Father Trout showed us the new and easy way for people to donate on their phones.

Other:

- **Communications Strategy:** Father Robinson, with Janine Wilson’s help, has put together a Communication proposal (see handout). Proposed are three committees: Communication Advisory Committee led by a volunteer, Communication Ministry led by the accountability staff lead, and Communication Media Ministry led by the Parish Communication Coordinator.
- Father Robinson would like feedback by November 15 from: PPC, John Gatti, staff.
- Father Trout mentioned that we, the PPC, needs to support the staff leads with the communication platforms.
- We have to look at all platforms.
- As an example, the Carpenter is not organized optimally. Like a newspaper, what is most important each week should be on the first pages.
- **November Gratitude Awards:** Mass (with Awards) is confirmed for **5p Saturday 11/23** (incorrect on the agenda). On Friday 11/22 Award winners and their plus ones are invited to the Priests’ residence for meal/celebration. Our write-ups will be in the 11/24 Carpenter.
- **Fall Afternoon of Prayer** will be on 11/17 from 12:00-4:00pm. We will have a facilitator, Linda Couri. Details of the afternoon will come.
- Closing Prayer: Prayer concluded with a Prayer for Vocations.
- Upcoming Commission Dates:

12/2/19 - Faith Formation and Youth

1/6/20 - Prayer and Worship and Community Building

2/3/20 - Social Justice and Accountability

3/2/20 - Faith Formation and Youth

April - No Meeting

5/4/20 - Prayer and Worship and Community Building

6/1/20 - Social Justice and Accountability

July – No meeting

8/3/20 – likely “gratitude” gathering tbd
**9/14/20 – Faith Formation and Youth (moved to 2nd Monday
as 9/7 is Labor Day)**
10/5/20 – Prayer and Worship and Community Building
**11/9/20 – Social Justice and Accountability (moved to 2nd
Monday as 11/2 is All Souls Mass)**
12/7/20 – Faith Formation and Youth