



**PPC Meeting Minutes
Monday September 9th, 2019
Loughry Room, 7-9p**

Present:

Fr Trout, Deacon George Kashmar, Michelle Hobson, Megan Pavelske, Jon Monroe, Gerry Salzman, Dennis Valentini, Marjorie Gaitan

Prayer:

The meeting opened with CFTK/Seven Steps

Pastor Topics:

- **Archdiocese of Chicago Parish-wide Survey (Catholic Leadership 360 Review):** Fr Trout, along with all diocesan priests, will be participating in this review process as part of Archdiocesan Policy. This is an opportunity for our parishioners to recognize and affirm Fr Trout for his talents and gifts and to help him grow pastorally. A letter from Bishop Rojas along with link for survey will be included in this weekend's Carpenter. Responses are due 10/11.
- **Mass in the Park Homily:** Fr Trout will include his homily (letter form) in upcoming Carpenter as this was a critical communication concerning where the church/our church is moving and very relevant to future generations.
- **Bishop Barron's Letter to a Suffering Church - prayer/discussion sessions:** Fr Trout is facilitating 3 sessions Oct 1, 8, 15 from 7-9p in the Loughry room. All (adults) are welcome. It is recommended PPC attend.
- **The Church Crisis – University of Notre Dame livestream – pls see below (will be in this weekend's Carpenter)**

THE CHURCH CRISIS: WHERE ARE WE NOW?—LIVESTREAMED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

The University of Notre Dame is beginning a series that focuses on the clerical sexual abuse crisis. It starts on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. EDT (6:00 p.m. our time), and will be held on the Notre Dame campus and livestreamed on the university website as well as on *Cruxnow.com*. The panel hopes to pivot the conversation about the scandals away from rage and toward recovery. For more information visit this link:

<https://cruxnow.com/news-analysis/2019/09/08/a-cant-miss-moment-on-the-abuse-crisis-looms-under-the-golden-dome/>

Communications Strategy:

- Fr Robinson provided us an update on our overall Action Plan – to include Website, Carpenter, eLetter, Social Media, Podcasts, Live Streaming. Workload was previously identified and is moving along very well. Fr Robinson gave us a live website "tour" – really great work/progress

these past few months. Fr Robinson will provide PPC access to review/approve final design prior to publishing live. Target publish date is first of Oct.

- We had discussion around the opportunity for Marie to post approved content from each Carpenter directly to Social media (to avoid extra steps and to avoid gaps in content). She would need some training and would need to ensure she has capacity. Michelle will connect with Anna and discuss further.
- Fr Trout, Fr Robinson, Anna and Michelle are meeting with John Gatti at Queen of all Saints on Friday 9/20 – update to come.

Commission Updates

Social Justice & Service/Marjorie Gaitan

- In June \$225k was disbursed to 18 agencies that work to improve and change the lives of families, children, and people living in poverty. Recap of this disbursement is attached
- Missions Sunday is 10/19-10/20. As usual, ministry leads will hold banners representing our parish ministries. Our gold envelope will be highlighted. Ministry fair will be in the Narthex after all masses. In order to showcase this event across our community/public at large, there were a few suggestions made: add flags front of church/along Milwaukee avenue? Include event in local newspaper? Include event in Chicago Catholic? Marjorie to explore these ideas
- Plan to update social justice web page on a monthly basis to highlight different ministries/stories – kick off Oct to tie into Missions Sunday
- Idea to create a Social Justice Club – focusing on Catholic social teaching/social justice issues. Time for learning/sharing/fellowship. WIP – more to come
- The International Sharing Ministry held a meeting on 9/8 to discuss next project. Fr Martin shared an opportunity to support families in Uganda which the Committee feels is a credible potential – more to come

Faith Formation/Jon Monroe

- Rel Ed enrollment is forecasted to be 772 students (down from 805 ly). As of 8/9 only 658 students had registered. Patty McCarthy called all unregistered families and as of 9/9 754 students have now registered. Tuition collected is + \$6k due to fewer families qualifying for early tuition discount
- Red Ed classes started on 9/8 with Faith Weaving starting on 9/15. Rel Ed will be re-branded as “Children’s Faith Formation” – and the traditional program will also be re-branded as “Faith Building” to complement “Faith Weaving” family program
- School enrollment for K-8 is 394 (446 incl preschool) - ~same as ly. 16 students are receiving a total of \$76.7k from the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship from Empower Illinois
- Two individuals are confirmed for RCIA which begins 9/22. Dave R and Shawn T will co-lead this year
- Twenty people filled out CFTK response cards at Mass in the Park requesting to join small groups. Dave R is working with them to place them in best groups
- Larry Gundrum is this year’s Tend the Fire honoree. Tribute dinner/celebration is Saturday 10/5 in the Koenig center following 5p mass. Would be nice for PPC to attend – cost is \$45 pp. Register at www.givecentral.org/location/181/event/19065 or drop off a check to parish office
- The Vocations Ministry is working on plans for 10/13 Clergy Appreciation Day, Nov National Vocations Awareness Week, and mini marriage retreat with Regnum Christi consecrated women

Megan Pavelske/Youth

- First LifeNight of the school year 9/8 – total of 15 teens participated
- Friday 9/13 a group of teens are going to Mother Cabrini Retreat House in Des Plaines for a refugee experience simulation/mini retreat; end of month teens will play bingo at Winchester House; in October teens will participate in a scavenger hunt to support food pantry
- On 9/10 an “interested adult” meeting was held to encourage more participation in AMT – Megan can provide this update for future
- Next year’s AMT trip is confirmed for July 18-25. Kickoff meeting forthcoming in Nov

Accountability/Brian Savage

- Sunday/Holy Day collections finished the year -1% (-\$17k) below ly. Variance to budget was -4% (-\$98k)
- ACA pledges and donations recap: goal \$193k, pledge \$244k, paid \$223k
- YE Parish Financials forthcoming – letter to Arch submitted to close the books
- Stewardship theme is gratitude – slight branding change to Awareness, Gratitude, Sharing
- Last phase of LED lighting completed - ~ 30 LED lights installed in Narthex @ \$69k
- School installed additional exterior and interior security cameras with py budget excess
- No vacancies in commercial properties

Other:

- 6/3 meeting notes were approved
- November Gratitude Awards: Mass (with Awards) is confirmed for 5p Saturday 11/23. On Friday 11/22 Awards winners and their plus ones are invited to the Priests’ residence for meal/celebration (will not include PPC this year). In addition to our 6 Commission Award winners, we will also honor Deacon Dennis Mudd in conjunction with our Gratitude Awards
- We postponed the following agenda item:
 - discussion around PPC Fall Afternoon of Prayer at Joseph & Mary Retreat House: please contemplate this opportunity individually and come prepared to discuss in November. How might we spend this time together – spiritual development/reflection? Relevant Parish topics?
- Closing Prayer: Michelle concluded meeting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit
- Upcoming Commission Dates (pls advise if you foresee any conflicts):

10/7/19 - Prayer and Worship and Community Building
11/4/19 - Social Justice and Accountability
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
Aug-Dec tbd