



**PPC Meeting Minutes  
Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
7-9p Loughry Room**

**Present:**

- Fr Trout, Fr Emanuel, Michelle Hobson, Dennis Valentini, Kathy Olson, Bridget Chaney, Jim Lobus, Tom Sear.

**Prayer:**

- The meeting opened with CFTK – thank you for leading us Fr Trout.

**Meet/Greet with Joe Tomaso, new Director of Adult Faith Formation, and Mary Catherine Nelson, new Director of Children’s Faith Formation:**

- It was a pleasure to meet Joe and Mary Catherine – to hear their personal, professional, and faith journeys that led them to St Joseph Parish! In their very short time here they have already made significant strides! We look very forward to all they will accomplish for us and with us!



**Pastor Topics/ Staff updates:**

- Children’s Faith Formation is creating a new logo around “humanity and the call to kindness” called “humankind”. This program is being used as a framework to align Catholic Social Justice teachings and practices across all ministries of the parish. Here’s the interpretation of the logo: *“While walking away from all the talk around gender and pronouns, walking away from mankind, this beautifully simplistic message focuses on the common denominator and how we need to proceed to live in heaven here on earth”.*
- St Joe’s has hired a new Prayer and Worship Coordinator who will start with us sometime next month. Still interviewing for a Front Office Admin.
- We will be moving forward with Renew My Church (RMC). This will be in collaboration with St Mary of Vernon. At this time Fr Trout has not been given specific details on the scope/timing. Fr Trout forwarded to all of us RMC’s “Vision” document which discusses the Church’s challenges and opportunities. This document addresses “from” our strong legacy but a changed world “to” moving

forward in response to the signs of the times. There are 3 specific “Maintenance to Mission” areas which we at St Joseph are very familiar with: **Making Disciples, Building Community, and Inspiring Witness**. This document is for reference only – Fr will provide us an update as he receives.

**Commission Updates (below are highlights only – full reports attached):**

**Accountability Commission – Tom Sear:**

- Annual financial update presented in September Carpenter
- Collections relatively flat over 3 years which is positive considering Covid
- Total financial results reflect ongoing school support of ~\$325k per year (which will vary)
- Over the past few years, Electronic giving has increased from 35% to 52%
- Army space is vacant as of 5/31 – searching for a new tenant
- Vicariate 1 has moved out of the 200 building eff 7/31 – searching for a new tenant
- Total properties include 8 units @ MillPark, 4 units @ Bldg 200, 3 rental houses
- Many maintenance projects completed – see list
- School curtain wall project and replacement of gym roof projects have been temporarily put on hold until material costs and lead times subside

**Social Justice Commission – Michelle Hobson for Deacon Dan Coughlin:**

- 10 Ministries represented at 8/21 Ministry Fair
- There will be a video for 10/24 Mission Sunday
- In August there were 715 visits to the Food Pantry and 256 volunteers
- Michael Knight spoke at the Winchester House event on 8/30 representing his work with Lake County United
- 9/19 will be next Conversations that Matter with Fr Joe from Nicaragua speaking about social justice renewal and solidarity – location at Marjorie Gaitan’s home
- There is work in progress with Brigid Dutton on hosting a Conversations that Matter in November regarding the possibility to form a sister parish with Holy Trinity in Harlan, KY

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual November Thanksgiving Awards and Mass (Saturday 11/20 5p Mass):**

- We discussed whether we should proceed with our annual Thanksgiving Awards and all were in favor. These Awards are a very special opportunity to recognize/affirm those among us who have gone above and beyond to serve our Parish family/community throughout the year. All PPC members are asked to prayerfully consider 2-3 candidates for your respective Commissions and email to Michelle no later than Friday 10/1. Pls be prepared to discuss why you chose who you chose. Michelle will compile for our review/discussion/discernment at 10/4 PPC meeting. A recap of the past 3 years’ recipients is attached here for reference.

**Other:**

- 8/2 Meeting Notes were approved and will be posted to our website shortly.

**Closing Prayer:**

- We concluded with a Fall Prayer, blessing our Lord for all He has provided!