



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

**Present:**

Fr Trout, Michelle Hobson, Dennis Valentini, Brian Savage, David and Kathy Olson, Jim Lobus, Bridget Chaney, Deacon Dan Coughlin, Tom Sear

**Prayer:**

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

**Pastor Topics:**

**Staff update:**

- We have a new Assoc Pastor – Fr Emanuel will be joining us from St Juliana Parish in Chicago first of July. Fr Emanuel is 42 years old and was ordained 3 years ago with Fr Robinson. Welcome Fr Emanuel – we look forward to meeting you.



**Father Jesús Emanuel Torres-Fuentes, 39**

**First assignment:** St. Juliana, 7400 W. Touhy Ave.

**Born in:** Jalapa, Mexico

**Education:** Elementary and secondary school and undergraduate college in Mexico, University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary

- Mary Catherine Nelson will be leading Children's Faith Formation effective 7/1. Mary comes to us from Church of St Mary in Lake Forest where she has held the position of Director, Adult Faith Formation.
- Fr Trout has hired an individual to lead Adult Faith Formation – CFTK will continue under Adult FF.

**Reopening the church:** As of this past weekend, our church has moved into Phase 5 – some highlights include: no registration needed for mass, masks optional for fully vaccinated individuals, hand sanitizing encouraged but not mandatory, worship aids and singing returned, physical distancing still in place for the time being (every other pew and blue arrows on carpet).

**Arise:** this program will be postponed until Fall 2022.

**Fr Robinson:** We celebrated Fr Robinson's last weekend June 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. He will be transitioning to St Stanislaus Parish in Posen, IL end of the month. He is currently spending time back home in Columbia before starting his new assignment.

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

### Faith Formation Commission Update (Bridget Chaney):

- Lynne Strutzel has returned as interim Director of Faith Formation to keep critical programs moving forward until new Staff is in place.
- Children's FF families will be offered a return to in-person class sessions 3x per month with no virtual option. Sessions will be Sundays from 9-10:15a or Tuesdays from 4:30-5:45p. The program will also include mass attendance and a Social Justice component in the form of children's service projects. Registration is open and extended thru June 15<sup>th</sup>. As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 294 children were registered (goal 725). Out of 27 catechists, only 4 are not returning – which speaks volumes for this program!
- Men's Ministry is planning upcoming events, including 9/11 retreat at Mundelein Seminary as well as the Men's Legacy weekend in November.
- The Women's Ministry is organizing a Morning of Reflection on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> entitled "Unmasked – Uncovering Your Faith with Others". Meeting will take place in the tents in the back parking lot of St Joes. Also looking ahead on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Fr Kartje will lead a ½ day women's retreat at USML entitled "Respect is the Heart of Love" – details to come.
- The Mary and Joseph Adult Faith Council has planned "Discerning your Decisions" with Fr Michael Sparough, S.J., on June 26<sup>th</sup> @ St Mary of Vernon's Parish Hall

The image contains three promotional posters. The left poster is for a September 18 event titled "Unmasked | Uncovering Your Faith with Others," featuring a face-to-face casual morning of sharing with other women at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The middle poster is a yellow one for "Save The Date Women's Council" for a February 12, 2022 event titled "Respect is the Heart of Love, Facilitated by Fr. John Kartje," which is a women's half-day retreat at the University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. The right poster is for a June 26, 2021 event titled "DISCERNING YOUR DECISIONS" featuring Fr. Michael Sparough, S.J., with details on when, where, and who can attend.

- The Vocations Ministry is collaborating with parish families to offer monthly Family Eucharistic Adoration. First event was May 26<sup>th</sup> with ~ 40 attendees. Next event is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p in the church

### Youth Commission Update (David/Kathy Olson):

- HS youth group held its final meeting of the spring semester on Sunday 5/23.
- Youth group will continue to meet over the summer for social/service events.
- Social/service events also planned for all incoming 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade youth.
- Teens continue to serve at the Food Pantry on the weekends.
- Bunks Across America took place on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> for youth and their families. Bunks Across America is an annual event where local chapters across the nation participate in the largest bed building event in a single day. Through local and national sponsorships, Sleep in Heavenly Peace is able to put a real dent in the national child bedlessness crisis.
- July 28<sup>th</sup> is the date scheduled for a bed build @ St James Parish in Arlington Heights.
- SHINE (St Joe's Helping In Neighborhoods Everywhere) 2021 is a local service week for all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade thru graduating 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth! Couple updates:
  - Teen Service Week is July 26-30 (this will replace AMT this summer)
  - Working to provide a variety of service experiences for youth – including Beacon Place/lunch bunch, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Project Linus, Fuller Center Peace Garden/Waukegan, Lake

County Haven/package meals, Feed My Starving Children, Tiny Houses, etc. Projects chosen will depend on multiple factors – including adults leading the projects, scope of the projects, teen volunteers, cost, etc.

- Registration to open later in June.
- Youth group is working with Prayer & Worship for teen-specific ministry training (Proclaimers, EOM's, Sacristans).
- David initiated dialogue around expanding monthly 5p youth-led mass to a weekly schedule – to include live streaming (this is currently included in the Youth Commission Action Plans). This would require collaboration across multiple commissions. Will discuss further in August.

**Update on Catholic Social Teaching – Deacon Dan Coughlin:**

- Dan provided an overview of the SJC's upcoming initiatives. Since one of the goals of the Commission is to apply Catholic Social Teaching to educate and guide our actions, SJC will focus on activities and formation centered around the principal of "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable". The objective is to engage all parishioners, with an emphasis on young families, through the school and children's faith formation programs. The SJC will employ various tactics including food drives, fundraisers, educational events, social media promotions, and videos. The desire is to foster a common understanding and create broader awareness of how our Catholic faith calls us to engage in mercy, compassion, and justice for everyone. More to come.

**Other:**

- 4/16 Meeting Notes were approved and have been posted to our website.
- Regarding Janine's CAC questions: I will connect with Janine separately and let you know what if anything is needed from you.
- We will be off for July and reconnect in August.

**Closing Prayer:**

- We concluded in a prayer of gratitude.

**Below are upcoming meetings – pls let me know if you have any conflicts.**

<b>Upcoming Commission Dates - pls advise if you have any conflicts:</b>	
<b>July</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>8/2/2021</b>	Prayer and Worship & Community Building Commissions
<b>9/13/2021</b>	Social Justice & Accountability Commissions
<b>10/4/2021</b>	Faith Formation & Youth Commissions
<b>11/8/2021</b>	Prayer and Worship & Community Building Commissions
<b>12/6/2021</b>	Social Justice & Accountability Commissions
<b>1/10/2022</b>	Faith Formation & Youth Commissions
<b>2/7/2022</b>	Prayer and Worship & Community Building Commissions
<b>3/7/2022</b>	Social Justice & Accountability Commissions
<b>4/4/2022</b>	Faith Formation & Youth Commissions
<b>5/2/2022</b>	Prayer and Worship & Community Building Commissions
<b>6/6/2022</b>	Social Justice & Accountability Commissions