

## Collaborative Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2019 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart

In attendance: Mary Farren, Lija Joseph, Ann Wilcox, Kiernan Klosek, Kathie Long, Kristina Preman, Bill Koffel, Fr. Dan, Rosemary Seibold, Kate Neal, Erica Johnson, Margaret Roylance, Mike Keohane, Colin Foley

Fr. John –

- Reflection booklets memorializing Fr. John were distributed to the council. Sincere thank you went out to Kristina who compiled and edited this moving tribute.
- Annual Memorial Mass: discussion surrounding the Mass scheduled next year for April 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Alternate churches year to year. Year one at Our Lady's and Year two at Sacred Heart.
  - Other ideas noted within conversation: the hosting church responsible for logistics and the other church responsible for the spirituality piece.
  - Question: For how many years do we keep this memorial in place? Evaluate after two years.
- Dedications (current suggestions that will require further discussion)
  - SH – tradition of the Pastor's portrait (Kate Neal is researching)
  - OL – Bronze plaque with the Suscipe prayer and donations for the baptismal font repair (plumbing and stone restoration) in honor of the 717 baptisms completed for our faith community.
  - Contact Sioux Mont at SH to be sure June 14<sup>th</sup> Mass remembers Fr. John's ordination date.
- Important to let these ideas percolate – time and discussion will fine-tune the dedications.

New Staff

- Nick Frega (PA) will start July 1<sup>st</sup> - Suggested that he be introduced at the Masses on his first weekend the weekend of July 13 -14 (wedding commitment July 6-7)
- Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce (Parochial Vicar) starting July 17<sup>th</sup>

Paths to success in the time of declining Priest numbers: Fr. Dan shared data that in the future it is projected that there will be 140 priests in the diocese for 170 Collaborative (approx. 270 parishes).

- We have to help people see the pastoral associate as a role that can guide and spiritually advise.
- Educating parishioners –perhaps through small articles on the website and bulletin discussing issues such as anointing, visiting the sick, preparing for death. Website education would offer a static place to educate That is there when the person needs it.
- Education can also take place within Faith sharing groups, during religious ed, ...

Plan writing team to meet again on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder to Council that their support of the increased offertory request will be needed in the Fall

Issues to revisit in the Fall:

- Unresolved issue that SH feels like a "Mission" church when compared to Our Lady's. Fr. Dan will follow up.
- Mike as part of RCIA encourages everyone to look for those that are showing curiosity about the faith – encourage them through evangelization to explore/consider the Catholic faith – there is an active RCIA program that would welcome them.

Kristina – on behalf of everyone, thanked Fr. Dan for his selfless care and advocacy for Fr. John that allowed him to remain at our parish for so long. Fr. Dan responded that it was a team effort.

Meeting concluded at 8:00 pm. (followed by a Social)

Next Meeting: Monday September 9, 2019 at @ 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Arpino