

CPC Meeting Notes
September 9, 2019

In attendance: Fr. Dan Riley, Kristina Preman, Anne Marie David, Lija Joseph, Rosemary Seibold, Kate Neal, Michelle Solomon, Tom Morrison, Margaret Roylance, Nick Frega, Colin Foley, Monica Pacheco-Tougas, Peg Miller, Deacon Bill Koffel, Jim Allaire, Tammy Sakala Stossel, Kiernan Conroy Klosek

Fr. Dan reviewed the role of the Collaborative Pastoral Council

- Advise pastor/staff
- Envision where we are heading
- Help to develop and implement the pastoral plan

New Pastoral Plan:

- Writing team included (Kate, Kristina, Lija, Colin, Michelle and Brian Romer Niemiec)
- We received word that Cardinal Sean accepted our plan.
- We now look on this plan as a living document and integrate the plan into the daily life of the collaborative.
- Melissa from the RCAB is the Evangelization Coordinator – to be looked on as a resource rather than a supervisor.

Who is minding the plan?

- The Responsible Persons (RP) consist of the staff and the council.
- Over time, expected that individuals will be drawn to a natural assignment.
- Determine concrete tasks to ensure that nothing falls through the cracks

How is it communicated:

- Through the bulletin – perhaps a boxed area that provides ongoing updates re: progress within the plan.
- Weekend emails

Increased pilot giving plan

- Plan in place with parish finance council – to be launched last two weeks in September by mail
- To be a soft approach...no calls...no committees
- Light, polite approach asking people to give generously.
- Need:
 - Sacred Heart has a large endowment – offertory and rent should run the parish
 - Our Lady's has a more urgent challenge. No endowment and is proudly paying down a 4.5 million dollar debt. Anticipated that in 4 years parish will be out of debt.
 - Both parishes seeing demographic changes that challenge the numbers

Upcoming programs

- Msgr. Dennis – Our Father Talk on September 15th at OL that will serve as a kick off for the new season of faith sharing in small faith communities.
- Light of the World – A parish based retreat to be started this January (Martin Luther King weekend) at Our Lady's and to continue on at Sacred Heart 6 months later.
 - Reports from other parishes that this program increases parishioner involvement
 - Over time the retreat will be parish run...we will become more independent.
 - Plan to attend it...promote it.
- Celebrating Our Faith Event – Holy Hero's: Who's Next? On October 25 (6:30 – 8:30) and October 27 (11 – 1)
 - Collaborative, interactive program for all ages
 - Not just educational facts about saints but rather how the saints can be an example to us.

- Retreat for new and returning Lectors to be held at SH on October 16th
- Middle School Youth group “Messy Game Night “ to kick off the new season

Open items presented at Meeting:

- Concern regarding the symbolic elements missing on OL paschal candle – issue passed on to the liturgy committee as it aligns with the enhanced Sunday experience.
- Roman numeral # 14 is incorrect on the Stations of the Cross in the chapel at SH – Nick will follow up.

Meeting Concluded: 8:30pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 5th – 7:00-8:30 @Sacred Heart

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Arpino