

## CPC Meeting Notes – November 5, 2019

In attendance: Fr. Dan Riley, Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce, Kristina Preman, Anne Marie David, Lija Joseph, Rosemary Seibold, Kate Neal, Michelle Solomon, Margaret Roylance, Nick Frega, Colin Foley, Monica Pacheco-Tougas, Peg Miller, Jim Allaire, Keirnan Conroy Klosek, Cathy Carver

In attendance for a special request: Peter Metz

Disciples in Mission: Two representatives from RCAB attend the first half hour of the Meeting.

Sr. Roberta Resnick asked questions of the council re: the Disciples in Mission program, and Klaus recorded the responses.

What is your understanding of Disciples in Mission?

- That the ultimate goal is to form a collaborative that would address our changing church and the needs of the limited number of priests. Evangelization within the community is the ultimate goal.
- Rationale of why parishes are paired together remains a mystery.

How do people in general get along?

- It is working out. Slow to see the results. Most progress seen in the combined social events of the community.
- Looking forward to the Light of the World Retreat whose goal is lay leadership
- Confusion still remains with the at-large community re: the folks who are not as involved.

What is the plan for the next 5 years?

- Currently people don't understand the phrase "Disciples in Mission"
- Evangelization – participate, get people to truly know what that means
- Real effort – hard work – by staff and faith groups to bring evangelization to the forefront. More to do.

How do you think Disciples in Mission impacted your relationship with Parish, Pastor, Jesus?

- Made me aware that I have been less focused on the non-church goers.
- Christ-oriented with Fr. John Sassani as our pastor through experiences such as Cursillo and the Spiritual Exercises.
- "By working on the plan, I have a raised level of conscious discipleship – I have more intentionality when involved in my various ministries."

Personal observations:

- Willingness to get more involved because of the trust of discipleship - resulting in new people becoming active.
- Some folks are more involved as a result of the witness talks given by some parishioner – coaxing people outside of their comfort zone.
- Holy Heroes: Who's Next? faith event spanning collaborative and all age groups. Great energy, community building, evangelizing, genuine spontaneous applause at the conclusion of the final song (When the Saints go Marching In)

At the conclusion of the meeting, Klaus picked up the flyer announcing the Light of the World Retreat and affirmed the value that this program has in encouraging the involvement of the parishioners.

### Catholic Social Ministry Gathering-

Peter Metz spoke to the Council on generating interest in the collaborative with regarding to attendance at the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering being held in Washington, D.C. from January 25 -28 (Sunday - Tuesday).

Goals of the Gathering include:

- Strengthening Catholic faith – particularly on the level of Social Consciousness
- Teaching people how to be an activist regarding issues important to the Catholic Church with the opportunity to go to Capitol Hill to speak with staffers and possibly Congresspeople

Special Request:

- Is the parish/collaborative in a position to fund someone who ordinarily would not have the opportunity to go? Conference: \$350pp (many meals included); additional cost would involve airfare and hotel, so roughly \$1500pp. Subsidies available for young minority students.
- There was a discussion in the council with a desire to do this if we have the money, but there are concerns about if we can afford it. Fr. Dan will get input from Finance Council regarding affordability. This will also be discussed at staff meeting.

In the meantime:

- We will continue promoting in the bulletin
- Peter will be available at a coffee hour at both parishes to answer questions.
- We will encourage parishioners to go

Several on the council supported this gathering, having had the opportunity to attend it, while acknowledging that the cost of the event is challenging.

#### Increased Giving Program

- Feedback re: giving will begin to be available in December with Parish-wide feedback in early January.
- Acknowledgement that it was a busy fall for money requests: Increased Giving program, Grand Annual (at OL) and the Clergy Fund. General response acknowledged the challenge but confirmed that this increased giving request is infrequent...not for another several years, which is superior to a series of Second Collections as some parishes do.
- There will be an aggressive thank you to folks for their generosity. Fr. Dan is writing a personal note at the bottom of every thank you letter.

#### Pastoral Plan Executed

- Form circulated that broke down into specific tasks the goals of the Pastoral Plan.
- Each task must have one responsible person connected to it.
- Kristina and Keirnan will meet outside of CPC meeting times to put this plan into action.
- Through discussion, it was determined that the RP (responsible person) might be someone outside of the Council

#### Light of the World Retreat

- CPC encouraged thinking about who to ask (3 each!) to attend this retreat. Taking place in January (MLK Weekend). Flyers with details were handed out for distribution. Mike Seibold will come to parish to spark interest based on his experience in his home parish, St. Mary's in Uxbridge.
- Discussion led to encouraging advertisement in Open Forum, Starbucks, Tab, Next Door (online neighborhood forum)

#### Additional Topics

- Keirnan Conroy Klosek will draft a policy re: protocol for guest/guest presenters at the Council Meeting. Due to the limited # of meetings per year and the full agenda, we have to determine how best to respond to requests for Council time.
- Nametags – Nick will look into nametags for the CPC members to increase visibility at Parish/Collaborative gatherings.
- Shrinking of Carbon Footprint: it is important that parishioners know what we are doing including: recycle bins, turn down thermostat, bring own mug to coffee, etc. If we are doing it, make it public. Next staff meeting, catalogue what we are doing.
- Paschal Candle: will now use the symbols on the Paschal candle at OL; Jim will be the RP to pre-drill holes
- Fr. Kevin/Nick arrived in the summer time. Their formal introductions to community are overdue. They will take 2 minutes at Masses in both parishes during the first two weekends of December.
- Monica and Lija will be the contact people in the bulletin for Agenda items
- Honduras Ministry – faithful members for 10 years but has not grown – how do we generate interest – why don't we serve Honduran coffee at the Coffee hour? We have to "walk the walk".
- Special thanks to Fr. Kevin who attended meeting on his time off.
- Mass count significantly higher at all Masses this weekend – watch for trends – does it correlate to Pop Warner football season closing?

Meeting Concluded: 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: January 6, 2020 at OL

Respectfully Submitted,  
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