

SHOL Collaborative Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Remote (by Zoom)

In attendance: Fr. Dan Riley, Kristina Preman, Nick Frega, Kate Neal, Rosemary Seibold, Deacon Bill Koffel, Michelle Solomon, Erica Johnson, Anne Marie David, Peg Miller, Jim Allaire, Margaret Roylance, Lija Joseph, Colin Foley, Keirnan Conroy Klosek, Cathy Carver, Tom Morrison, Monica Pacheco-Tougas
Absent: Tammy Sakala Stossel, Ann Wilcox, Jeff Gallant, Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce

Comments from Fr. Dan

- Special thanks to Kristina for coordinating Fr. John's 1-year anniversary liturgy
- Recent RCAB Seminar
 - Phases
 - Long time before we get to phase 1 (limits of 10 people at graveside services and liturgies)
 - Phase 2 looks to bring 50 people into the church with 6 ft. spacing
 - 70% of the church attendees might not be able to attend until phase 3
 - Expectation that we could dance back and forth between phases for the better part of the summer
 - There are meetings between religious leaders who are concerned re: the slow progress in opening
 - What could be impacted due to virus?
 - Cutting ½ of the workers in Braintree
 - RE may be online in the Archdiocese
 - No social gatherings
 - Economically – possible depression/recession
 - Possibly a full 12-24 months before a new normal returns
 - Mergers
 - Most parishes/collaboratives not facing mergers
 - In some cases, it is pastorally advantageous
 - It is not our inclination now to merge

Tom Morrison – Financial Overview

- Finance council has had many meetings re: the large financial hit re: COVID-19
- Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP)
 - Mike Bliss did a tremendous job pulling all the data together to apply and receive this PPP to ensure 8 weeks of continued salary for OL staff
- Financials between Parishes in the collaborative do not mix
 - OL – due to their loan, the shortage re: collection and rentals (day care) unable to pay - faces economic uncertainty
 - SH – challenged due to reduced collection and reduced use of the MacKenzie center – but was in better shape going into this crisis.
- Finance Council will be drafting a letter to inform the parishioners of the significant financial struggles Our Lady's is facing as well as the challenges that will affect SH. Important to recognize that many parishioners will be facing their own personal financial struggles.
 - Letter will attempt to change behavior – encouraging the use of on-line technology with regard to giving.

Staffing

- Rosemary Seibold retiring as of May 31; Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce reassigned to BU as of June 1
 - We will gather to express our thanks and gratitude when it is safe to do so
 - As of now, there will be no replacement for either of these positions.

Mass Schedules

- Weekend liturgy to be recorded without congregation on Saturday afternoon and released online Sunday Morning.
- Weekday liturgy will not be online. When it resumes the plan is
 - OL – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 7 am.
 - SH – Friday, Saturday, Monday at 9 am
 - This could be a year-round schedule if no one replaces Fr. Kevin.

Connection with Parishioners

- Currently there are 5 events weekly online via Flocknote
 - Discussion surrounding cutting down the \$ ask during the liturgy
 - Request of inclusion of a spiritual communion prayer during the liturgy
- Flocknote – approx. 1100 sent out and read at 44%
- Mass Views – 4-500 views so approx. 6-700 people participating
- Fr. Dan's Monday Message – 150-300 views
- Music – 3-400 views
- Discussion re: how to have the camera move during the liturgy – zooming in on speakers
 - The hard work by Fr. Kevin and Nick to have this technology available to us is appreciated.
- Discussion re: inclusion of music – not able to have live music yet – hoping to introduce music back into the liturgy during phase 2
 - Erica and Anne Marie will be meeting tomorrow 4/29 re: how to bring music back given the current limitations
 - Music Ministry is sensitive to the community at large but unable to go against the Governors dictate
- Coffee Hour – virtual coffee hour on-line at SH building community
- Current Collaborative Wide Outreach
 - OL – phone calls
 - Approx. 2800 parishioners called by approx. 50 volunteers
 - SH – Greeting cards
 - Many volunteers working to create and mail greeting cards to each address in the parish.
 - Both outreach programs have been very well received and appreciated. A real source of community building. Resulting in: requests for prayers, offers of prayers for the parish, connecting people with help, how where can I send a donation, reconnecting with people who had stopped coming, combating loneliness and worry

Religious Ed.

- In early conversations re: planning for next year – may look very different. More to come after staff attends a June 8th webinar.

Vocation Subgroup

- Creating a page on the website – encouraging people to interact with the content
- Subgroup will be meeting online
 - Jim and Margaret to tweak the content of the page – to be sent to staff meeting
 - Deacon Bill found a prayer for vocations
 - Sr. Marian – workshops on vocations

Other

- Colin Foley: Council recognized Colin's contribution to the CPC and congratulated him on his plans to attend Tulane University in New Orleans this fall.
- Kate Neal shared plans for a Zoom Speaker series with speakers specializing in varied topics such as COVID, Real Estate, Grief, Vocations. Details to follow.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 8, 7pm on Zoom