

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – November 24, 2020

<i>Parish Staff</i>		<i>Present</i>	<i>Parish Pastoral Council</i>		<i>Present</i>
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	yes	PPC Member 2018-2021	Terri Garza	yes
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Vincent Tran	yes	PPC Member 2018-2021	Grant Roscoe	yes
Deacon/ Parish Administrator	Deacon Kerry Bourque	no	PPC Member 2018-2021	Tim Wentte	yes
			PPC Member 2019-2022	Rosanne Cook	yes
			PPC Member 2019-2022	Victor Jackson	yes
			PPC Member 2019-2022	Matt Lane	yes
<i>Parishioners</i>			PPC Member 2019-2022	Marjorie Maloney	yes
			PPC Member 2019-2022	Shawn Muldoon	no
			PPC Member 2020-2023	Michelle Allien	yes
			PPC Member 2020-2023	James Brown	yes
			PPC Member 2020-2023	Sue Fielding	no
			PPC Member 2020-2023	Tom Jones	yes

Meeting began: 7:02 PM

Opening prayer: Tom Jones

PPC Matters:

Open Forum: No members from the parish were in attendance to address the council.

Information sharing from Fr. Sean:

- Fr. Sean reviewed Cardinal DiNardo’s recent directives and how CtR decided to implement them. It was decided not to allow in-person meetings on campus until January 2021. Exceptions were made regarding the Piece Makers Fall Sale and the Ladies Auxiliary CAM Senior Bags. Information will be sent to all ministries to assess their desire to return to in-person meetings on campus. Details such as number of people and meeting frequency is required to properly assign available rooms.
- There will be no ‘welcoming’ of new catechumens on Sunday, November 29th, Christ the King. There were not that many who were to receive their sacraments, so they will wait until the April welcoming. While sacramental prep ministries can meet in-person, Julie

Cook indicated that several members of the Wednesday night RCIA team were still not comfortable with returning to campus.

- Cardinal DiNardo reaffirmed the 50% capacity and Communion in the hand directives. Fr. Sean commented that there were some noncompliant parishes which is not a “good look” for the unity of our Catholic Archdiocese. CtR remains in full compliance.
- Fr. Sean was interviewed by a Houston Chronicle reporter regarding how CtR would celebrate Christmas. The young reporter did not appear knowledgeable about the Catholic faith, so Fr. Sean is anxious to read what is printed.
- Christmas Mass schedule has been established. Each parishioner family will receive a postcard with the schedule. The Sunday 7:00 AM Mass returns this Sunday, November 29th. CtR is focused on the Advent and Christmas season, so the Wednesday evening daily Mass will not be reinstated at this time. Fr. Sean is not certain what the overall Christmas Mass attendance will look like, but he believes it will be a large number.
- Fr. Sean noted that it is normal for there to be more than usual number of funerals at this time of the year. It is already occurring. He is concerned about how to properly handle this during the Christmas week not to overburden the ministers who serve at these Masses. The PPC concurred with his concern and Fr. Sean will most likely block out 7 to 10 days on the calendar when funeral Masses would not be available in the church. While we pray this is not an overwhelming need, options will be offered, and it will be handled with great pastoral care.
- The normal CtR Christmas projects, The Giving Tree and Mother of Mercy (MOM) Toy Drive, will be held this year. Special thanks to Cynthia Jackson and Tim Hebert who have devised a plan to safely distribute the toy donations to MOM.
- There will be a bilingual Mass on Christmas Day at 11:00 AM. The Spanish Ministry is beginning but has been delayed due to COVID.
- Fr. Sean had a special request of the PPC concerning our tenure. He would like a 2020 Do-Over. There will be no Christmas Social nor a January discernment. Fr. Sean asked the members to serve an extra year. If any member is unable to do that, please contact Fr. Sean privately.

Open Discussion:

- Terri Garza thanked the council for their Chili Cook-Off donations. Fr. Sean commented that the virtual Chili Cook-Off raised ~\$36,000. While not the amount that is normally raised, it was a good response, lots of fun, and hopefully we will not have to do this again. The annual Steps for Students will also be a virtual event. More information to be shared in January 2021.

- Matt Lane shared that the Young Adult Ministry had an evening, outdoor, in-person meeting in a member's backyard. Nine members were in attendance. Members sat in a circle and were able to visit. It was an enjoyable evening and no COVID issues.
- Fr. Sean commented that both St. Ignatius Loyola and Prince of Peace have had a COVID issue. It is important we continue to be vigilant. Fr. Sean also took this moment to remember the passing of long-time parishioner Tom Glozer who died this past weekend due to complications from COVID. He also asked us to pray for his wife, Pat, as she grieves her loss and who also has a mild case of COVID and is in quarantine.
- Fr. Sean reminded us that while we can celebrate the Mass, many people are hurting all over the country as they long for the Mass and the Eucharist. Fr. Sean is happy to see 500+ people at a CtR Mass, but it is still not normal. We all continue to pray for our parish, health care providers, first responders, and our country and world.

Next Meeting: TBD

Prayer Volunteer for next meeting: TBD

Closing Prayer: Tom Jones

Meeting adjourned: 7:47 PM