

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – August 24,2021

<i>Parish Staff</i>			<i>Present</i>	<i>Parish Pastoral Council</i>			<i>Present</i>
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	yes		PPC Member 2019-2022	Rosanne Cook	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 2021-2024	Patrick Jetter	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	yes	
				PPC Member 2020-2023	Tom Jones	yes	

Meeting began: 7:06 PM

Opening prayer: Rosanne

PPC Matters:

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

Information sharing from Fr. Sean:

- The parish was doing well, with a great deal of enthusiasm in June and July, planning for Fall activities. The masses had good attendance; the numbers were increasing. Then the increase in Covid cases came in August. We have to take a step back and monitor the situation on a week-by-week basis.
- Fr. Sean shared how emotional it is for him to go to the hospital to anoint the sick and dying.
- The Cardinal has not made any change to the mass dispensation. There was talk of possibly Labor Day or a bit later. Holy water may not be brought back for a while. Since the number of parishioners taking the Body on the tongue has declined, priests and deacons are no long using the altar server with the alcohol

wipe at communion. A decision was made for the EHMC to NOT distribute the Body on the tongue for now. There is no talk about bringing the Blood back any time soon.

- Fr. Sean encourages parishioners to get vaccinated and/or to wear masks to help protect themselves and others. Marjorie expressed her agreement to encourage people to wear masks but is fearful of a mandate. Many of the council members agreed with her fear. At St Cecelia's, 80 kids tested positive or were exposed to the virus at the beginning of school.
- Meghan, director of Development and Stewardship, is excited about planning fall activities. She will attend the September meeting to offer more details. The first is the CTR Block Party August 29. It will be outside with the doors open to the RAC. A few other plans are a Thank-a-Thon, bringing back a welcome gathering for new families and coffee and donuts. We will move forward with these activities when we get past this surge in Covid cases.
- Ignite Campaign – Cardinal DiNardo said he wants this to happen and end by December 31. CTR will do a Good Faith Effort campaign. Each family can give what they can. Fr. Sean will talk about it one or two weekends in October and a mailer will go out to the families. (\$1 of every \$3 stays at CTR, the remaining goes to the diocese for upkeep of the seminary, faith formation and rebuilding the fund used during Ike. For CTR, normally the parish would use the funds collected to pay down debt. But, spending was at a minimal during the pandemic, so the parish is ahead of the plan. With that said, the funds collected may be used for campus beautification. (ex. A shrine to honor Our Lady and to enhance our spirituality).
- Staffing – Linda Watso will replace Kathy Kelley, who is leaving at the end of the year, as Director of RE. The new ECHO apprentice is Anja Ozlos and Jerrod Cook is the new organist. The position for coordinator of Junior High Ministry is still open. Fr. Sean has interviewed a hand full of candidates, but no one held the qualifications.
- Fr. Sean would like to start working on the Spanish mass (ministry)
- The Divine Mercy Cenacle is beginning to meet again
- Safety Awareness – Deacon Kerry will head the effort to re-train the ushers and ministry leaders on the protocol for emergency medical situations at mass and in school/office.
- **Open Discussion:** The University of St Thomas is Honoring Fr. Sean at the upcoming gala!

Next Meeting: September 28

Prayer volunteer for next meeting: Sue

Closing Prayer: Rosanne

Meeting adjourned: 8:31 pm