



**Pastoral Council Special Meeting
Teleconference
April 7, 2020**

Present: Fr. Dan Saunders, Fr. Matthew Jacob, Susan Arensmeier, Doug Borys, Mary Elise Cervelli, John Clark, James DeGuire, Jim Karolewicz, Jim Kochan, David Kriete, Cathy Liska, Monica Misey, Tom Pranic, Joe Russell, Ken Sosnowski

- I. Opening Prayer – the meeting began at 7:05 PM with a prayer of the Litany of Saints led Fr. Dan.

- II. Discussion Items
 - a. Approval of March 17 and 31 Meeting Minutes – a motion to approve the minutes was made by Ken and seconded by Jim Kochan. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Status Check with attendees:
 - Fr. Dan - approximately 1200 people voted at Lumen Christi as of 7:00 PM. A recording of the Stations of the Cross will be available on the parish website tomorrow. The bronze Easter Fire Bowl has been received and installed. There will not be a fire this Easter. Fr. Dan reinforced the importance of checking on our neighbors by recounting the events associated with a recently deceased member of the parish. He would not have received the care in his final days if someone had not been regularly checking on his status. Given the rapidly changing situation with organizations being assisted by our Human Concerns initiatives, please check with a member of the Commission before providing assistance. We are very thankful for the availability of the audio-visual technology that was installed as part of the church renovation. It has allowed us to live stream Sunday masses. Fr. Dan also mentioned the unexpected death of Dr. Robert Campbell, a behavioral health physician who trained the staff at the Open Arms clinic.
 - Fr. Matthew – Fr. Matthew’s cousin is a nurse in Chicago who tested positive for Covid-19. She is thankfully recuperating after being treated with hydroxychloroquine.
 - Summary of comments from other attendees: Those responsible for businesses are continuing to address the welfare of their employees and the impact of the shelter in place requirements. Several are connecting with other family members and friends via Zoom or other technologies. The importance of focusing activities that help others was discussed. Transitioning to on-line learning continues for both parents and those responsible for creating content. Prayers for family members impacted by Covid-19 or having been diagnosed with other illnesses will continue.
 - c. Human Concerns – Cathy indicated she had been working to address a request for cloth masks from the Milwaukee Catholic Home. She also noted that the Women’s Care Center had been able to raise \$155,000.
 - d. Finance – John indicated Jane Bartlett would be working full-time instead of the prior plan of 0.8 FTE. He also mentioned an application had been made for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) via BMO Harris bank with Jane’s assistance.
 - e. The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, April 14 @ 7:00 PM.**

- III. The meeting closed at 8:00 PM with a prayer by Fr. Matthew.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Karolewicz