



**Pastoral Council Special Meeting  
Teleconference  
March 31, 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, Jon VanDrise

- I. Opening Prayer – the meeting began at 7:00 PM with prayer of the Our Father led by Fr. Dan.
- II. Discussion Items
  - a. Status Check with attendees:
    - Fr. Dan and Fr. Matthew are busier than prior to cancellation of services and events. Parishioners are feeling a need to communicate. Staff are working from home; however, the reception desk is being staffed during normal parish office hours. Everyone is trying to model the behavior desired for our community. Weddings and funerals are being handled on a case by case basis. Schmidt and Bartelt is operating as normal, while limiting the number of attendees at any services. Fr. Matthew reminded everyone we are all in this together.
    - Summary of comments from other attendees: Those responsible for businesses expressed concerned for the welfare of their employees and the impact of the shutdown. Many are actively reaching out to stay connected with others. Transitioning to on-line learning is a work in progress for both parents and those responsible for creating the content. Prayers were requested for family members impacted by Covid-19 or having been diagnosed with other illnesses.
  - b. Human Concerns – met earlier this evening to review funding needs of community partners. Contributions to St. Vincent de Paul are especially welcomed at this time. The Blood Drive scheduled for April 3 is full. We will be scheduling another drive later this month to accommodate others wanting to donate. St. Hyacinth is working with a co-op to address the needs of undocumented immigrants.
  - c. Formation - communication is occurring with those in formation programs and preparing for reception of sacraments. Summary of comments from other attendees: Those responsible for businesses expressed concerned for the welfare of their employees and the impact of the shutdown. Many are actively reaching out to stay connected with others. Transitioning to on-line learning is a work in progress for both parents and those responsible for creating the content. Prayers were requested for family members impacted by Covid-19 or having been diagnosed with other illnesses.
  - d. Finance – scenario planning is occurring to address the shortfall in funding for the remainder of the fiscal year. The current estimate is a \$140,000 -150,000 deficit. A meeting of the Personnel Committee will be held Thursday to review job descriptions. All evaluations have been completed.
  - e. April 7<sup>th</sup> Primary – all polling sites in Mequon will be open, including Lumen Christi.
  - f. April 1<sup>st</sup> Conference Call with Archbishop ListECKI – a conference call with be held with all pastors, parish administrators and priests. Given the impact of cessation of masses and planned events, an announcement postponing all previously approved retirements and movements until further notice is anticipated.
  - g. The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, April 7 @ 7:00 PM.**
- III. The meeting closed at 8:00 PM with a blessing from Fr. Dan.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Karolewicz