



**Pastoral Council Regular Meeting  
Teleconference  
April 28, 2020**

**Present:** Fr. Dan Saunders, Fr. Matthew Jacob, MaryElise Cervelli, John Clark, James DeGuire, Jim Karolewicz, Jim Kochan, David Kriete, Cathy Liska, Monica Misesy, Tom Pranica, Joe Russell, Ken Sosnowski, Jon VanDrisse

- I. Opening Prayer – the meeting began at 7:05 PM with a prayer of hope led by Fr. Matthew.
- II. Discussion Items
  - a. Approval of April 21 Meeting Minutes – a motion to approve the minutes was made by MaryElise and seconded by David. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Status Check with attendees:
    - Fr. Dan
      - Thank you letters were received from Bishop Powers (Archbishop of Superior), Sister Phyllis Wilhelm (Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Associate at St. Mary’s Parish in Odanah) and Fr. Jack Wall (Catholic Extension President) for the donation sent in support of St. Mary’s Parish. A total of \$40,000 was raised.
      - Pastors, priests and parish administrators will participate in a teleconference with the Archbishop on April 30 to discuss plans for reinitiating mass services. No graduation services will occur before July 1. Previously announced transfer of priests will occur on August 4. Retirements will be handled on a case by case basis.
      - Please pray for improvement in weather for all farmers, safety for all working in the meat packing industry and teachers/parents supporting young children. A decision has been made to reduce education at Lumen Christi to 4 days per week to support the mental health of all.
      - Fr. Dan inquired re the status of the Building and Grounds committee. James indicated work continues (e.g., reduction of humidity in the gym).
    - Fr. Matthew
      - Fr. Matthew’s sister is doing well.
      - Please pray for healthcare workers supporting patients with Covid-19 and people who cannot receive treatment for other illnesses.
    - Summary of comments from other attendees
      - Please keep the family of Council members who are ill in your prayers (including Joe’s dog recovering from an ACL tear).
      - Documentary titled “Inside the Vatican” tonight at 8:00 PM on PBS (MaryElise).
      - Utility usage at the school is down a class due to improved technology (James).
      - A “Thin Blue Line” Mac truck sponsored by the Kriete Group in honor of the 302 police officers killed in the line of duty in Wisconsin will be on display on Thursday in Mequon (David).
      - Mitch Albom is writing a week by week story of hope that is available for on-line viewing at [shrivermedia.com](http://shrivermedia.com) (Cathy).
      - Focus Couples - guidance was sought regarding the ability of couples to restate their wedding vows at a later date when wedding services in the church can be scheduled. Neither Fr. Dan nor Fr. Matthew expressed a concern with this being allowable (Ken).
  - c. The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held via teleconference on **Tuesday, May 5 @ 7:00 PM.**
- III. The meeting closed at 7:52 PM with a poem about solidarity from Catholic Relief Services read by Fr. Dan.



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Respectfully submitted by Jim Karolewicz