

Pastoral Council Minutes – St. Frances Cabrini Counsel and St. Mary’s
Thursday, Jan 7th, 2021

Time: 6:45 pm Location: Mother Cabrini Hall at SFC

Attendees:

Staff

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr. Nathan Reesman	<input type="checkbox"/> Fr. Carlos Londono	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Theisen
<input type="checkbox"/> Seminary intern Dominic Lazzaroni	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Immaculate Conception (Term-End)

<input type="checkbox"/> Catherine Yekenevicz (Trustee) 3-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Swosinski (Trustee) 2-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oscar Valladares 1-23
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Falkner 2-21 (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Wenzlaff 1-23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Peters 1-22
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lloyd Uelmen 1-22(Vice-chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Franke 1-21	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harold Siercks (Secretary) 1-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Paul 1-22	<input type="checkbox"/>

Saint Frances Cabrini (Term-End)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Kohlmann (Trustee) 1-22	<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Herdrich (Trustee) 1-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynn Corazzi 2-23
<input type="checkbox"/> Gregg Jashinsky (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Zimbal 1-21
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Lucka (Vice Chair) 1-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Murphy 1-23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa French 2-21
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Spies (Secretary) 1-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Marie Danaher 2-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Shera 1-23

There were multiple staff members from both St. Frances Cabrini and St. Mary’s to offer their perspective on the discussion of masks.

- **Prayer – We read Isaiah 11:1-10 and Fr. Nate led us in prayer**
- **SFC Minutes approval** – After a correction was made on the name of the chair, minutes from Nov. 5, 2020 were approved with the correction.
- **St. Mary’s Minutes approval** – minutes were approved with no corrections.
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- **Mask discussion** – The entire meeting was the discussion of covid protocols at both St. Frances Cabrini and St. Mary’s. We were asked to bring our thoughts and concerns because Fr. Nate has been getting a great deal of emails on the topic in the last two months. Fr. Nate wanted to get the Parish Council involved so the decision didn’t just come from him

Being a very emotional topic, the counsels did a good job of listening to each other and trying to find a good resolution. There were many sides to the issue:

- There is a state mandate and the Archdiocese has a strong recommendation to wear a mask.
- People are coming from other Parishes because we do not enforce it.
- People are going to other Churches (or watching on TV) because we do not enforce it.
- For each study that shows masks work another will show it does not
- There are some people that do have valid reasons for not wearing a mask.
- A suggestions was made that we should change the signage since it really doesn’t accurately describe how we handle the covid protocols.
- A suggestion was made to have sections of the Church that required masks.
- A suggestion was made that as a compromise could we offer a Mass that required masks to be

Worn. There was a decent amount of support but concern was given for who would enforce it. Some didn't think we needed to have someone at each door, or to get rid of every other pew, but many of the emails Fr. Nate had received asked for both. Also, would there be one at each Parish, or one between the Parishes. Father also shared that after doing Easter Mass all alone, his number one goal is to never have to keep anyone away from Mass again. After much discussion, we took a hand count and it was fairly evenly divided. Because there wasn't consensus, and because there may be a 100-day mask mandate when President Biden assumes office, we decided to hold off any decision. We did ask if there was any way we could encourage more to wear masks, knowing we won't get all but it will probably achieve higher compliance.

We concluded at approximately 9:00 PM

Next meeting is on Feb. 4, at 6:45 at St. Mary's