

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2019

Present:

Pastoral Council: Laura Kolbe, Mary Haugen, Mindy Muglia, Corwin Bryan, Gary Kirkland, Tim Gray (Knights of Columbus), Sherry Schmidt (Altar Society)

Absent: Paige Cutter, Mike Brown

Staff: Father Connall, Sister Sharon, Sister Paschalina, Father Ratuiste,

OPENING PRAYER – Led by Father Connell

NEW PROCEDURE FOR PC MINUTES

Sister Sharon will take the minutes, type them up, and send them to all members and to Carolyn Berry.

Mary Haugen will make any corrections and send corrected copy to Paige. Send any additions or corrections you find to Mary at dhaugen509@comcast.net.

Paige will post the minutes on the website.

Agenda for next meeting – Mary will contact Father Connall to check items for the agenda and will run-off copies for the meeting.

UPDATES ON SPIRITUAL LIFE AND WORSHIP SECTION OF PASTORAL PLAN

Confession times: the suggested time for Saturday to be 3pm does not work for priests who come to hold confessions.

Parking: People get frustrated when they get blocked in, especially at the 4pm Mass. Have a bulletin item to remind people that if they are blocking someone, they need to leave church immediately. Have a sign on Jefferson Street that reads Cathedral Parking Only. Ask security guard to remind people who have doubled parked to come immediately after Mass. Make an announcement at the end of Mass and downstairs at coffee and donuts.

Adoration for Vocations: Friday at 6pm was a good time. It was well attended. Deaneries should be encouraged to have regular adoration hours for vocations. Other suggested times: First Friday evenings, Saturday afternoons, with a social afterwards.

EVANGELIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION

Look to new developing areas near the Cathedral – Kendall Yards and North Central region – and have coffee shop gatherings.

RCIA – explain process to the parish, great opportunities to invite to the process and parishioners become more involved as sponsors and godparents.

Parish Retreat – begin the practice of organizing a yearly parish retreat at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center.

Religious Education Director – collaborates with Council.

Cataldo School – currently not as many Cathedral students attending; many parishioners sending students to other parochial schools – Trinity, St. Charles, etc. Send \$500 per student to the school they attend.

Adult Education – plan for different types and age-groups. For the elderly have periodic Masses with Anointing of the Sick, potluck, and pertinent topics like arrangements for life-ending wishes, and POLST – Physician’s Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment. Corwin has offered to prepare a systematic and comprehensive approach, breaking down what is needed and who will do it, such as understanding the teachings of the Church, catechism for adults, bible studies, use of Formed – who is Jesus Christ, and the need for mercy. During Lent there could be presentations on five hot-button issues: life, marriage, same-sex attraction, immigration, and the election year. With so many complex issues, we could call in organizations that would be working with these issues.

Preschool – going well

FOCUS – now on college campuses, what about parishes? St. Mary and St. Patrick parishes are starting its presence. It has been talked about in the past for the Cathedral but it seemed prohibitive because of cost and time commitment for the priests. Now we could look at this program again: work in a cluster, FOCUS person works with priest’s mentorship. Father Ratuiste will prepare a draft to react to and will present it at the January meeting.

We will move discussion on **Social Justice and Outreach** led by Mike Brown to February and the topic **Plant Maintenance and Administration** will be discussed in March.

UPDATE ON PARISH MINISTRY REPORTS

An example of a ministry report has been put on the Pastoral Council website.

WHAT HAVE YOU

Gala for Notre Dame – Thursday, February 13, 2020. Oral Auction item suggested – parking spot in staff area for Christmas, Easter, Sundays. Start with a

minimum bid. Parish Council members agreed. Father Connall will talk to the priests and staff.

Is there a plan to build an altar rail? There are no plans as of now. More dialogue is needed. Two pre-dieus could be provided.

Notre Dame School – progressing well. In the process of hiring teachers. Decision has been made to allow seniors if a younger sibling is enrolled.

Annual Catholic appeal – we have met our diocesan goal, plus \$2,000 of the extra \$40,000.

Security – we now have Metro. They are more professional.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 12:45pm