

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 25, 2021

Present:

Pastoral Council: Mary Haugen, Corwin Bryan, Karen Druffel and Debbie McWilliams (Altar Society), Tim Gray (Knights of Columbus) Laura Kolbe (by zoom, Mindy Muglia, Gary Kirkland,

Absent: Mike Brown, Paige Cutter, Deacon John

Staff: Father Connall, Sister Sharon, Father Ratuiste, Sister Paschalina, Nicholas Magarelli, Andy O'Leary

OPENING PRAYER: Father Kyle

Cataldo School:

Cathedral has paid \$1,000 per student. In the past it came to \$14,000 . This past year it was \$12,000. Suggestion to Parish Council – just support schools where our children are enrolled. Must not see dollars following schools as any kind of punitive action, but just trying to be good stewards.

Schools are a part of the Catholic Ministry in the diocese. Need to look at Schools' Ministry as a whole – that parishes without schools help contribute to the Ministry.

Cataldo school has 3 priests involved. One direction is to disaffiliate from Cataldo and support all the schools where our children attend. We will still give Cataldo \$12,000 next year, but there will be less children. We will have a Sponsorship relationship with the school until the Bishop makes any decisions on this matter.

Father Ratuiste was thanked for organizing the Cataldo Auction. The money went for a new roof.

We need to make Catholic Schools accessible to more Catholic students. It is scary to be a parent right now. We need to talk to parents who are dealing with hard issues. We need to love them and engage them and continue to be compassionate. Father Connell commented that as the “Dad” of the parish, he wants to support his families and children. How do we protect them from the culture – which we cannot always do but we can equip our children with teachings necessary to cope.

The principal of Cataldo school is Zach Cunningham. He will be invited to come to our Sept. or Oct. parish council meeting.

UPDATES – Fr. Connall

We are pleased with the progress on the towers as we were losing the integrity of the towers. Gary Liles of Custom Painting, Inc. donated his time.

The Finance Council is looking at the need to have a campaign – money for the Peregrine Shrine and for repairs to the windows in church (\$40,000 estimate).

The Corpus Christi Festival will be held this year as it will take place outside. Live-streaming will continue for the 9 am Mass on Sunday.

Corwin suggested that a survey could be held about the Campaign, perhaps a volunteer could sign up for one Mass. Also, what kind of reconciliation is needed to reach out to those feel alienated because of COVID?

Dispensation from attending Mass because of COVID will be lifted on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

FORMAT FOR JUNE 20 TOWN HALL MEETING

Would take place in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament – hopefully this will unite us, a safe place to be, a healthy environment. Parishioners able to express themselves – can say anything they want but no arguing. They can express their fear and panics, and will know they will be heard. Suggested day, June 20, (Fathers' Day), would go from 12-1 pm , and be placed under the patronage of St. Joseph. **(This event was cancelled. Instead, Father Connall asked parishioners to e-mail him personally with any complaints, concerns, or how they managed during the COVID period.**

NEXT MEETING: To be determined. Joint Parish Councils Barbecue to be held on Thursday, September 2, at 5:30 pm.