

## **St Joseph Parish Council Meeting July 14, 2020**

**Present:** Linda Korowin, MJ Magalotti, Dianne Pavlov, Bill Jasman, Fr Rooney, Eric Sattler, Pauline Bergeron, Judy Vasicek, Gilbert Normandin.

Council met in the school dining room to maintain social distancing.

Opening Prayer done by Pauline. Let us be reconciled, a prayer to Saint Anne

- Update from Fr Rooney, teachers' contracts have been signed, as of now the plan is to open school on August 20th.
- Religious education and how that will look, children attend twice a week and the school needs to be cleaned each day and after each event.
- Currently using a sprayer in the church after each use. This has helped eliminate wiping off the stain on the wood
- Finances, we are down 9% from this time last year. Parishioners have been very generous.
- Fr. Addressed the FoP (Families of Parishes) and that the document distributed with the parishes grouped is not final. FoP are groups of parishes, generally three to six, sharing resources to advance the mission, including having multiple priests and deacons serving the family of parishes. Each parish will retain its pastor and there will be a moderator over the family. There will be a pastor over the specific family and the other pastors will become associate pastors. There will be a business manager for the family thus allowing Fr to focus on other parish issues vs the finances. There is not a decision on what model of governance will be. FoP is modeled after the Diocese of London, Ontario but there is not a final decision on what model of governance will be. Each parish will remain independent. Should there be more than 1 school in the FoP? Do not know that yet. The governance model will begin big and move to become smaller. This enables the pastor to use the talents they have
- How does this effect UTG? Needs to continue and move forward. Archbishop said we cannot keep doing what we are doing now, or we will hit a brick wall. The UTG is not done and the mission continues. What is changing is the parish structure through which the UTG will be made.
- Church and school have had multiple issues with air conditioning recently.

Council reviewed and discussed the questions to guide discernment of pastors in preparation of Families of Parishes.

### **I. Boundaries**

1. What is some city/county boundaries that might impact the ability of the FoP to work together?  
Bridges and railroads make it difficult but not that we cannot work together.  
Some concern with county GI Bridge that is currently closed, scheduled to open in December.
2. Are there some natural/topographical boundaries, including highways, or city limits that might impact the ability of your FoP to work together?

No

3. Why and how would that impact your FoP? N.A.

## **II. Current Collaboration**

1. Which parishes do you most collaborate with now?  
Cabrini, St Cyprian, St. Vincent Palloti, Sacred Heart, St Pius, St. Rock, Mt Carmel
2. Which parishes would your parishioners most likely attend for a specific Mass time, if unable to get to your parish, or special event? (Perhaps name 2 or 3).  
Cyprian, Timothy, Sacred Heart
3. What are the top 2 or 3 home parishes for those Faithful who come to your parish on occasion?  
Our Lady of the Woods, Our Lady of the Scapula (Wyandotte). St Rock

## **III. Parish Perceptions**

1. What do you think your parish is best known for?  
Age and longevity, family, many families have multiple generations.
2. What would you identify as the key strengths/characteristics of your parish? Your perception and perhaps in consultation with your leadership?  
Families have crossed over many generations. The social works that we do, St. Vincent DePaul. The school.  
St Joseph school has children from from Cabrini, Sacred Heart, Newport.  
Are we a welcoming parish, yes.
3. What do you think your contiguous parishes are best known for? Cyprian known for lively liturgy. St Timothy's known for very regularity. Sacred Heart, known for fish fry. Pius for the school. St Timothy's has a lot of land.  
Reluctance of some priests to give up the idea of being a pastor, there is a fear. Linda talked about the friendships built over the years here at St Joseph.
4. What would you identify as the key strengths /characteristics of each of your contiguous parishes? Liturgy at St Cyprian is good, food pantry. We have an active Vincent de Paul.

## **IV. Diversity**

1. Are there any parishes which are close to you geographically which could provide a greater diversity to your FoP? St Andre Bessette, St Alfred. Our lady of the Scapular.

## **V. Schools**

1. Does your parish have a school that will become part of the FoP?  
Yes
2. If your parish does not have a school, can you envision a scenario of your FoP that includes your parish with at least 1 parish that has a school?  
N.A.
3. What Catholic schools are in your area and is there one nearby that your FoP could support?  
St Joseph, Pius, Christ Good Shepherd (classic catholic school). Cabrini, Gabriel Richard.

**Review of the FoP proposed groupings.** Again, this is not final. Who would we include in our FoP?

Council recommends adding St Vincent Palloti (Wyandotte) and Our Lady of the Woods (Woodhaven).

This would expand the family to six parishes.

**Discussion:**

- Council recommends that the finances be put in the bulletin to provide transparency of the financial status. Less than 1/3 of members contribute financially.
- Recommend updating parishioners on current issues such as maintenance like the AC in the gym needing to be replaced.
- Facilities Audit was done a month ago from the Archdiocese, awaiting the results/report.

**Parish Council to meet quarterly**

Would like to have a calendar with scheduled meetings ahead of time along with the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

**Next meeting October 20th, 6:30p**

Linda will do the prayer next meeting.

Mary Jane Magalotti, Council secretary