

Joint Parish Pastoral Council Notes — September 17, 2019

Church of the Holy Spirit and St. Joseph's Church

In Attendance

Barbara Bauman, Joelle Calagno, Roger DeBell, Anne Bell, Lisa Bianculli, Barbara Bruce, Fr. Jeffrey Chichester, Bill Crandall, Greg Dankey, Jacob Fuhrman, Ray Garbach, Don Germano, Moriah Gerhard, Duncan Harris, Darrel Johanneman, Amy Johnson, Cathy Kamp, Debi Land, Mary Ann Lovelock, Tony Granza, Michael Lynch, Marc Magagnoli, Shari Magagnoli, Jeanne Mooney, Bob Quinn, Joe Sakmyster, Ned Sayegh, Mike Schifano, Fr. Jim Schwartz, Steve Smith, Vera Tannous, Nancy Veronesi

Pastor's Welcome: Spirit-Driven Collaboration

Fr. Jim

- Beginning in prayer is the most important part of our agenda
- These are challenging times. DOR bankruptcy is a serious issue; spiritual bankruptcy is a more important issue.
- We are people of faith who need each other now more than ever. We are in need of spiritual renewal, and we need to show ourselves as stakeholders in the Church. We are called to proclaim Jesus in these very challenging times and trust that the Lord is the captain of our ship.
- It's important to note that the parishes are not filing for bankruptcy. We are separate legal entities.
- We are called to do right by the victims with zero tolerance for abuse and cover-up.
- This is the time for shared ministry between our parishes—just like the Schwartz family of 8 shared 1 bathroom and hand-me-downs, sharing isn't always easy but we cannot imagine life without each other – our parishes can be this way too. It's part of God's plan that we share ministry with each other. We are better together.
- Resist the temptation that we're losing when we share.

Chairs' Welcome

Ned Sayegh, Mike Schifano

- Purpose and goals of joint Council (see slides)
- Meeting schedule:
 - Oct 15 at Holy Spirit
 - Nov 19 at St Joe's
 - Jan 14 at Holy Spirit
 - Feb 18 at St Joe's
 - May 19 at Holy Spirit
 - June 16 at St Joe's
- Meeting agendas include evening prayer, the pastor's report, learning about ministry, goal and vision updates, table discussions, large group sharing, action items and reporting on action items
- Parish-specific business will be shared with the whole group during large group sharing to exchange, wisdom, ideas and best practices; most items will be assigned back to the parish ministry team
- We need to stay out ahead of decisions being made for us.
- Anger and a sense of loss are natural.

- No one wants to take over anyone else.
- Holy Spirit is better because of Fr. Jim and Fr. Jeff and better communication, more sharing.
- How can we assist our priests?
- How can the priests assist the parishes?

Guidelines for Table Discussions

Cathy Kamp, Ray Garbach

- Notetaker and speaker at each table
- Judgment-free zones – nothing off the table!
- Emphasis on ideas, suggestions and best practices
- One person speaking at a time at the tables
- Mix it up each time – sit with different people!

Table Discussion Large Group Sharing

Ned, Mike

- See Table Discussion notes

Action Items

Cathy, Ray

- Table discussion notes will be submitted for review of common themes, and action steps will be identified by the Collaboration Team prior to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: October 15 at Holy Spirit