

Joint Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

November 19, 2019

Pastor's Welcome, Fr. Jim

Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

- SJC: 219 donors, \$86,106 pledged (37.3% of goal)
- HS: 100 donors, \$28,350 pledged (33.9% of goal)
- We are doing well but we need to keep up the momentum.

Action Step: All Council members are asked to contribute.

Thoughts on the Paschal Mystery

- It is the center of our spiritual life.
- It is our sharing in the life of Christ.
- We must die to ourselves and rise by living a Christ-centered life.
- Through our shared ministries, our parishes can die to old ways and rise to new life.

Chair's Welcome, Mike and Ned

Feedback on first joint bulletin and Time and Talent effort, what you heard from parishes?

- Bulletin positives: layout, presentation, balance good, adjusted Mass times received well. A request that each parish share some bulletins with the other parish in the other weeks.
- Areas of improvement: Too long, too wordy, need to move slowly, patiently

Action Step: Maintain similar layout & look; send copies of each bulletin in 2nd, 3rd, 4th week to other parish;

Time and Talent

- Initial responses are in and were distributed to ministry leaders for follow up.

Action Step: prompt follow up to invite people to take a next step in areas of interest

Joint Christmas card

- Will be distributed with collection envelopes in Advent

Communication:

- Despite our communication we can never communicate enough; some people caught off guard by the joint bulletin.
- Some people perceive the Council meetings as closed but they are open to all

Action Step: Invite! Intentionally communicate invitation to all to PPC meetings—a great way to get to know each other!

Sister Parish Collaboration, Fr. Jeff

Reflections on the Liturgical Seasons of Advent and Lent;

Planning for Lent 2020:

- Joint retreat with Fr. Richard Fragomeni, March 29-31—help needed with marketing, hospitality, transportation, etc.
- Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross, every Friday in Lent—groups are needed to make the soup
- ChristLife's Discovering Christ course, Mondays Feb. 24 – Apr 6—help needed with small group facilitation, hospitality, assembling materials; training Saturday morning February 1 – orientation to ChristLife and training for Discovering Christ volunteers

Action Step: Join a Lent team! Contacts:

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Table Faith-Sharing

How do the seasons of Advent and Lent help you personally let go of the things that stand in the way of a deeper relationship with Jesus? As a community, how can we work in Advent and Lent to bring our parishes closer together?

- Choir participation enhances the experience of the seasons
- A good time to attend Mass at the other parish
- More common music selections might create more cohesion
- Should the PPC take on a soup supper in Lent?
- The two parishes have much in common and provide many opportunities
- Lent will be a good time for us to connect and continue getting to know each other

Parish-Specific Business, Mike and Ned

Holy Spirit Parish Hall renovation update

- Completed on schedule!
- Now have three rooms with permanent walls
- Compliments on the color scheme