

**Minutes:**  
**Christ Our Redeemer (COR) Pastoral Council (PC) Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

1. The Parish Council Meeting (PCM) officially began at 12:00 as a virtual, Google video teleconference meeting due to COVID-19 precautions.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Bob opened the meeting with a prayer. Kathy Vanderburg welcomed Eric Parod to the council as a new PC member.
3. **Approval of Minutes from July 12th, 2020**
  - a. Jim Thennes made a motion to approve.
  - b. Seconded by Richard Mountain and approved.
4. **Opening Remarks**
  - a. Fr. Bob opened his remarks by welcoming Eric, Michele McCormick, and Ross Maple, COR's new bookkeeper to the council.
  - b. Fr. stressed COR's continued emphasis on the preeminence of safety measures. He reminded us we are all cheerleaders and have a key role in supporting weekly mass sign-ups as well as welcoming everyone. He told us next week's mass will continue the theme of unconditional forgiveness, compassion and welcoming.
  - c. Fr. Bob's third key message was the need to get our youth enrolled in Religious Education in one of three delivery modes: face-to-face, virtual or a hybrid of the two. Lisa Hall has Youth Ministry and Michele McCormick has faith formation to include RCIA. RCIA will be led by Steve Schaefer this year as Deacon Jim is not available.
  - d. Kathy asked Michele to recap her new position responsibilities. Evangelization efforts include K through 5 education which will be family based; but include a once monthly training at COR. During the remaining weeks parents will follow materials given and instruct their children at home. So far signups are at about one half of the prior year. The teen program also has low enrollment. Adult faith formation will be done later in September and will use a "Word on Fire" program covering the Sacraments. COR will make the Word on Fire platform available to all parishioners.
  - e. Ross shared with a degrading financial posture we need to increase donations and be cognizant of our expenses, in short – tighten our financial belt.
  - f. Fr. Bob then covered the Growing and Living Conference Bishop Wack is leading on 10/9 and 10/10. We are all disciples, everyone baptized is. As apostles it is our command to bring the gospel to people. We must always be inviting people to COR!
  - g. Fr. reminded us of the collection for the Holy Lands next week.
5. **Unfinished Business: Liaison Reports**
  - a. Bob Gualtieri said a renewed effort would be made to contact ministry leads for the videotaping vignettes that will be posted on the COR website in lieu of a ministry fair.
  - b. Holding Mass Outdoors: Topic postponed until next month.
6. **New Business: Liaison Reports:**
  - a. Mary Jane Sullivan's Single-Divorced-Widowed report will be covered next month when she returns.
  - b. Luz Bird - Donut Brigade: Luz asked to know when we can start the ministry again.
  - c. Luz - Welcome Committee: Colleen Miller resigned as committee chairwoman after 10 years leading the ministry. She asked her members to consider taking leadership. Luz asked for us to think about how we can gain the involvement of new members.

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- d. Ron Rabiansky spoke to us about “That Man is You”, a new men’s religious program out of Houston, TX which will be free to all participants. Ron said Fr. Bob and Grand Knight Stewart Lewis have given their approval for the program. The men will start meeting virtually on Saturday Sept 26 at 8:00 AM.

The program is organized on a college semester system of two 13 week periods. Normally the men would share a meal, prayer and then a video. During the pandemic meetings will be virtual. The program startup cost of \$300 will be donated by the members. Twice yearly they will hold retreats for which they will ask for parish donations. Sustaining costs are approximately \$50 per month. Ron is seeking Finance Committee approval for this. Fr. said he wants this life giving program supported but that we should “go slow” at the start.

Fr. Bob will give a short announcement and invitation encouraging participation in the program next week after all the masses.

**New Business: Finance Council:**

- e. Suzie Culkin was not present to give a Finance Committee report.

**Closing Thought** was taken from St Therese of Lisieux: “Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe”.

**Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Oct 4, 2020.** The meeting adjourned at 12:36 PM.

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Members participating in the 9/6/2020 teleconference PCM were:

- Luz Bird
- Karen Booth
- Bob Gualtieri
- Michele McCormick
- Rich Mountain
- Eric Parod
- Ken Rodriguez
- Mary Jane Sullivan - absent
- Barbara Swanson
- Jim Thennes
- Kathy Vanderburg
- Patti Wolfrom
- Fr Bob Johnson
- Suzie Culkin - absent
- Gretchen Erickson, Staff Admin
- Ross Maple, Bookkeeper