



PARISH MINISTRY PETALS MEETING
September 3, 2020
This Meeting was conducted through Zoom



Fr. Brandon welcomed everyone to the Petal Zoom meeting and said a prayer.

Teaching Video by Bishop Barron- "Why Being Good is not Enough"

Fr. Brandon expanded on Bishop Barron's video. Bishop talked about the importance of Liturgy in our lives and how we want to keep our people hungry for the Eucharist. We have an idea to have an Evangelization series which would consist of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and personal testimonies.

The idea is to have two nights a week (one in English and one in Spanish) from the Chapel to have Adoration and during this time have someone from the Ministry Team, or priest, do a testimony of why the Eucharist is important to them. We would do this for a 6-8 weeks, hoping to lead into Christmas.

Fr. Brandon asked for feedback on the idea.

Responses:

Deacon Tom- I think it is a wonderful idea. I think it is a wonderful not just for clergy but for other members to be involved. **Kim and I are interested in sharing about the importance of the Eucharist.**

Jesus H.- I think it is a great idea to link Christmas into this and to be united.

Virginia S.- I think it is a great idea.

Anita O.- It is a great idea, would rather see Jesus outside instead of Zoom for those who do not have computers. I would not mind giving my testimony.

Marilyn D.- Great idea, concerned about those who don't have computers and can't have this experience.

Patti M.- Like the idea, concerned about having it outside as the weather changes and it gets darker sooner.

Olivia H.- Was not thinking about the weather change, how would we get people interested? We just must give it a try.

Jesus H.- What would be the starting date?

Father Brandon thanked everyone for all their feedback, all of this would depend on how many speakers and would count back from Christmas. If we do this outside there are some guidelines that we would have to put into consideration. We have wonderful volunteers that

help us for Masses, but we do not want to over burden our volunteers. Doing it through Zoom, at this point, would be our best option, especially if the weather changes.

Sr. Azucena shared that she was given a set of guidelines from the Diocese in regards to meeting for small groups including ministries.

Anita O. asked, "Do you see us going into the church in the future?"

Fr. Brandon responded with the following "I was in a meeting with Bishop Cotta and Bishop is going to have a meeting with all the Bishops to talk about this issue".

If we need to continue to do outside Masses, we have discussed the weather changing and the ideas of renting a tent and heaters. We are hoping we will be back in the church but do have to think about the possibility of being outside during the winter.

Ministry Day is September 19 and invitations were sent out today (Thursday), Mass will be through Zoom along with Adoration and Parish Report and then later in the day there will be distribution of the Eucharist in the plaza. Please let your ministries know that they are all invited.

Presentation of Fundraising Idea from Italian Catholic Federation and Daughters of Isabella

Patti L. presented some fundraising ideas that are COVID friendly. Please see attachment.

Fr. Brandon said that all of these ideas will be taken to the Ministry Team and give a response by the end of next week.

Update at St. Anne's- Fr. Brandon

Confessions schedule changed just a little due to 1st Communions happening this month that prompted small conflicts with the times for Confessions.

Harvest Fest is cancelled for this year.

There is going to be a protest this Saturday, there was some desire to protect our church, I spoke with the Police Department and they said it will be fine. The Lodi Police Department has it under control and have extra police force for help.

Questions/Comments

Patti M. wanted more clarification in regard to the guidelines with ministries meeting.

Sr. Asucena clarified that the Diocese is trying to give out guidelines for general gatherings which are different than guidelines for Masses. For general gatherings, the guidelines are that for every 10 people there needs to be one volunteer that knows the protocol.

Fr. Brandon welcome all the Ministries to come to the plaza, just make sure to wear a mask and social distance, we would love to see your groups in the plaza.

Affirmations

Donna affirmed the rosary makers who made 300 rosaries for the hospital. There were people in the hospital were asking for rosaries.

Frank W. affirmed Tom & Kim and Carl for distributing Communion on Sundays in the plaza. Linda and Patricia do a wonderful job handling the phone calls dealing with St. Vincent de Paul. Dolores, who was helping with St. Vincent de Paul, passed away. Please keep her and her family in your prayers, she will be missed.

Liz affirmed the teachers, aides and school parents for their support during distance learning. The school is finishing up their 3rd week of distance learning. She would like to thank Tom & Marilyn Dawe for handling all the tech support and handling all the glitches the school has had. Also, thanked all for the Prayers and support to the school. She's grateful.

Fr. Brandon thanked Liz and Sr. Azucena for their work with the youth. Even though we don't have a Youth Group we are still involved with the youth through the School and Religious Education.

Final Remarks:

Fr. Brandon thanked everyone for joining our meeting especially during this time. Our Next Zoom Petal Meeting will be October 1st at 6pm.

Sr. Isabel said a closing prayer and we all prayed a Hail Mary.

Fundraising proposals for the Italian Catholic Federation:



1.) Takeout from DeVinci's Italian Restaurant: ICF members would sell tickets for a takeout meal of a side salad, bread, and 12 oz. pasta of choice. Cost of the meals would be around \$5-\$6; price of tickets would be around \$10-\$15 each. The meal could be picked up from DeVinci's anytime during a two-week period. Tickets could be purchased from any member. We would also like permission to sell them through the parish office. A time has not yet been determined – possibly December or February.

(The Daughters of Isabella would like to hold a similar fundraiser with a different restaurant.)



2.) Boon Supply sells eco-friendly bags, storage containers, wrapping paper, and gifts. An online catalog is available at

<https://myfundraiser.mixedbagdesigns.com>. 40% of sales go to the ICF, with no upfront costs.

Customers purchase online directly from Boon Supply; we won't have to deal with order forms or money. We would like to sell items from mid-October thru November, a perfect time for Christmas shopping.



3.) Biscotti sale: Members would make biscotti to sell; local delivery would be included, when requested. This fundraiser would depend on current health regulations for food/kitchens during the pandemic. Sales would be either before Lent or around Easter.



4.) Bello Bambino/Hermoso Bebé: Basically, this is a raffle, but entries must include a baby picture (under 2 years of age at the time). Each entry would cost \$1, must include child's name and age along with the buyer's name, and would include a release to post the pictures (with only first names and ages) on our websites. Everyone loves to brag they have the most beautiful child/grandchild, so now they can prove it. They can even enter pictures of themselves or loved ones from years ago, as long as they were babies at the time of the photo. We are thinking of ways to group the pictures to make it easier for people to find entries from

friends or family, such as birth years (1900-1950, 1960-1980) or Christmas photos. Yes, we're hoping to get enough entries to need such help.

We couldn't possibly choose the best, so we would put all entries into a simple drawing. Prizes may be cash or donated gift cards. Entries could be submitted online or on paper.

An additional idea is to get pictures of the clergy and staff as babies, and people would try to match them with current pictures. Again, this would be a simple drawing, with the winner being the first one drawn with all guesses correct.

This would be fun to hold in December, when people are looking at family albums and taking new pictures. The drawing would be held on the Feast of the Epiphany.

We would like to partner with the Mexican American Catholic Federation to include our Spanish-speaking parishioners. We haven't approached them yet.