

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
Jesuit Residence

Attendees: Father Bob VerEecke, S.J, Pastoral Council members Jack Schmitt (Chair), Stephen Alfieri, Kathleen Cagnina, Karen DeMasi, Patrick Egan, Michelle Jung, John Karle, Charles Mileski, Debbi Olley Murphy, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe

1. Opening Prayer: John Karle
2. Welcome to New Pastoral Council members
  - The Pastoral Council extended its greetings and welcome to our newest members: Karen DeMasi, Patrick Egan, and Michelle Jung
3. Pastor's Report
  - Father Bob spoke about staffing, and said that Xavier's new associate pastor, Father Dan Corrou, S.J., is working out well, as is Father Ronald Amiot, S.J., who is doing pastoral work at Xavier and also assigned to weekend Masses.
  - Bob Choiniere is coordinating weddings at Xavier, and other staff members now have responsibilities that closely align with their job descriptions.
  - Father Bob also discussed the need for Xavier and Xavier Mission to be better integrated. Xavier Mission, though technically a separate nonprofit, is very much identified with the parish and needs financial support.
  - While the diocesan capital campaign is underway, it has been relatively quiet at this time.
  - The new immigrant ministry at Xavier is in full swing, and has begun to arrange visits to detention centers; the first one is scheduled for early October.
  - There are several events coming up at Xavier, including a memorial service for Father John Bucki, S.J. (September 14), The Jesus seminar led by Father Bob (beginning September 13), and a show about Julian of Norwich (October 8).
4. Report on Communications Survey
  - About 200 parishioners responded to the communications survey, and the task force is analyzing responses. It also hopes to address specific issues about parish communication.
  - Since many parishioners rely on the bulletin, it was recommended that Father Bob attach a PDF version of the document when he sends out Constant Contact emails.

- Ideally, the communications task force will report to the parish on its findings.
5. Discussion of Proposal Regarding Sunday 5:00 p.m. Liturgy
    - Because many young adults attend the Sunday 5:00 p.m., a group of younger Jesuits who already say Masses at Xavier have proposed more of a focus on students and young professionals at this particular Mass.
    - The Pastoral Council agreed this was a good approach, as long as all parishioners at Xavier still feel they are welcome at this particular time.
    - There will be a wine and cheese scheduled for October 15, following the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass.
  6. Report of the Pastoral Council Retreat Planning Committee
    - The Pastoral Council retreat is scheduled for Friday, September 29-Sunday, October 1 at Jogues Retreat House in Cornwall.
    - Logistics, including transportation and preparing reading materials, were discussed.
  7. Planning for October 28 Celebration of Service
    - A subcommittee was formed and the location is still being discussed. The celebration will be held either in Keenan Commons (at Xavier High School) or in Hurtado Hall.
  8. Report on Promotion of Ministries
    - Former Pastoral Council member, Adel O'Regan, has spearheaded this project, and several groups have responded. They will either have a presence at the back of the church or will offer a reflection on their particular ministries following Communion.
  9. Solicitation of Co-Facilitators for the Just Faith Program
    - Xavier intends to offer Just Faith, an intense, 25-week program on Catholic social teachings, beginning in January 2018. In order for this to happen, facilitators will be needed to lead meetings. Pastoral Council chair, Jack Schmitt, has volunteered to be a facilitator; the Pastoral Council will solicit at least one another co-facilitator for this endeavor.
  10. Closing Prayer: John Karle

