

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting June 1, 2022

**Welcome and Open Forum:** Peter, Alec and Monica attended the PPC meeting to discuss an email that was sent last week to the Coffee & Donuts ministry indicating the Faith Formation program will require the Chaminade Center on eight Sunday mornings in the fall. Coffee & Donuts will be affected by this news. The Parish leadership was unaware that the email was sent. Moving Coffee & Donuts to the Cassidy Center will not work (due to logistics of the set up and clean up to and from the kitchen) and cancelling the program completely will not happen, and therefore there needs to be a compromise. Coffee & Donuts can commit to being done by 10am, so possibly the Faith Formation program can begin using the space after that time. Coffee & Donuts attracts close to 70-90 parishioners each week and has been offering this form of fellowship for over 30 years. Fr. John will take this concern back to the staff.

**Introduction of New PPC Members:** New member discernment was completed last week. Jane Miller was discerned onto the PPC for a three-year term; Rachel Wandishin was discerned for a second three-year term.

Opening Prayer was led by Rachel.

**Debrief and Discussion on Ablaze:** Ablaze is a ministry that supplements faith formation programs. They presented to SJCC leadership, both staff and lay ministers, on May 11. There was some miscommunication about why they were there. Many attendees felt like it was a sales pitch. They spoke about creating a satisfying personal encounter with God. They are big on the three transcendentals: goodness, beauty, and truth, and everyone has a desire to seek these ideals. SJCC will be moving forward with Ablaze for the 22-23 faith formation year.

**Pastoral Letters and Pastorgrams:** The PPC reviewed the pastoral letters and Pastorgrams since the beginning of the year. Fr. John asked for constructive feedback on both forms of communication. Margaret suggested posting the videos directly to Facebook instead of linking to the YouTube video. Feedback on the letters and videos was overall positive. To reach a larger number of people, it would be nice to tag them with a short description of what is discussed.

**Forming Intentional Disciples Discussion:** Margaret led the book discussion on the final three chapters. Discussion surrounded respecting others while still sharing the story of Jesus and evangelizing; our RCIA program and how it is evangelizing and serving our catechumens and candidates; and how we plan to use the information in the book to convert ourselves and others to be intentional disciples. Fr. John suggested reading *The One Best Thing* next year.

**Housekeeping:** Upcoming meetings to be scheduled: PPC Executive Team discernment, new member orientation, Finance Commission budget presentation. PPC Executive Team discernment will be on June 8. We will do a debrief for the year at this meeting as well. We will aim for the budget meeting to be on Tuesday, June 28. Gwen will let Lauren Glass and Nick Nutting know about the budget report meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** FOCUS could not find any missionaries for SJCC. Fr. John is seeing that as God's will, and we will stop pursuing FOCUS for the time-being. Cathy Nusbaum is in the

process of revamping the website. The Journey is back with new episodes that are available on YouTube and Facebook. Jon Leonetti will be working with the staff to enhance the office culture. We will be starting in the next few weeks to raise the money for the new stained-glass windows. 87% of (about 170 total) participants who took the tabernacle survey liked the gold tabernacle.

**Mission Council Report:** Elena Hodgkiss is the new Mission Support commission chair. Steve Cox will be taking over as the Director of Liturgy, as Fr. Armando is taking time to study Canon Law. The parish block party is coming up on October 1, and the Mission Council created a committee to plan the party.

**Roundtable Discussion:** Terry asked about our progress towards vibrant liturgy. Fr. John prefers the term “holy” instead of “vibrant”. He is seeking to make the liturgy good, true, and beautiful.

Fr. John led closing prayer.

**Attendance:** Bob Geldmacher, Terry Morse, Margaret Patrick, Joselle Ruddle, Mark Steinbrunner, Ernie Tucker, Rachel Wandishin, Fr. John Worgul

**Guests:** Tony Gioio, Alec Kerr, Monica Kerr, Gwen Lilly, Jane Miller, Peter O’Sullivan