

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, November 9, 2022

Welcome and Open Forum: Cathy Nusbaum spoke to the PPC about Breakfast with Saint Nick, scheduled for Saturday, December 3, and collected donations from PPC members for raffle items. Also, Cathy reminded the PPC about the new church directory and encouraged those who have not had their pictures taken to schedule on-line for a sitting or send in a photograph.

Opening Prayer/Faith Sharing: The opening prayer was a reflection on the Gospel reading for Sunday, November 13 (Luke 21:5-19). Terry led the discussion and Fr. John reflected on the “building” going on at SJCC beyond the structural repairs to the church, including new Faith Formation Coordinator, AnnaMarie Link, the positive response to *The One Best Thing* and progress on The Big Quiet program. Several other members of the PPC joined in a very fruitful reflection.

Agenda:

PPC Bylaws Review: Rachel thanked Bob and Ernie for working with her on the bylaws review subcommittee. Rachel led a discussion on three open issues relating to the subcommittee review of the bylaws: (1) Youth and Young Adult Representatives, (2) Pastor-appointed PPC Members, and (3) a proposed two-year term limit for members of the Executive Team.

Following an in-depth discussion of each issue, the PPC made the following decisions.

- (1) The roles of both Youth Representative and Young Adult Representative will be retained in the PPC bylaws and may be filled on optional basis.
- (2) Pastor-appointed PPC members who are back-filling a mid-term vacancy will complete the term of PPC vacancy being filled without the appointed member going through the discernment process during the term. Pastor-appointed PPC members who are added to the PPC for a particular purpose (e.g., knowledge or skill) will be discerned during the next available discernment process.

The issue of appointments to the PPC led to a further discussion on the number of members on the PPC and the discernment process for new members and members who wish to serve a second term.

Decision: The PPC will consist of “at least” six members, but not be limited to six members. For example, the current PPC consists of eight at-large members.

Decision: The intention of the PPC will be to back-fill two PPC positions being vacated each year with two new or returning members.

- (3) The PPC decided not to implement the proposed two-year term limit on Executive Team membership.

Terry shared a few edits of the proposed amendments to the bylaws with Rachel, who will make the revisions discussed at this meeting.

Rachel will provide the amended bylaws, with edits and revisions, to the PPC prior to the next PPC meeting. The PPC will vote on the proposed amendments to the bylaws at its next meeting.

The Big Quiet: The PPC continued its discussion of “The Big Quiet” program which began at the October 26 PPC meeting. Fr. John explained that since that meeting, “The Big Quiet” has evolved from a planned series of pastoral letters to a program that, in addition to a series of pastoral letters, will include a parallel article, referenced “Going Deeper” that will be put on the web site each week. Each article will provide more information for that week’s pastoral letter. The articles will be directly connected to an on-line chat forum managed by Pedro Silva, Director of Evangelization and Formation. Fr. John also said he would like to see, if there is interest, the creation of small groups to discuss the letters, articles and issues raised by the on-line chat forum.

The discussion continued with questions and concerns over the structure of the initial letter (i.e., clarifying the exact purpose of the letters up front) and the consistent use of terminology within each letter and the flow from letter to letter. Each PPC member was given an opportunity to comment on the letters and ask questions. Fr. John thanked the PPC for its candid comments and said they were very helpful. He reiterated his purpose to teach people how to think like Jesus and act like Jesus when it comes to our sexuality.

Closing Prayer: Fr. John led the closing prayer.

Attendance:

PPC Members: Fr. John Worgul, Terry Morse, Rachel Wandishin, Bob Geldmacher, Jane Miller, Margaret Patrick (via Skype), Joselle Ruddle, Mark Steinbrunner, Ernie Tucker

Corporators: Gwen Lilly, Chris Patrick

Mission Council: Tony Gioio