

## **SJCC Parish Pastoral Meeting Minutes December 1, 2021**

Opening Prayer was led by Margaret. There was no Open Forum discussion.

**Sub-committee report:** Since the last report, the sub-committee has had a session to brainstorm recommendations to help identify the path of the committee moving forward and to direct further research. The sub-committee also met this past Monday with the AOB's Emmaus team and Office of Parish Renewal; this went well and was useful. A suggestion from the meeting was to focus not on the curriculum and instead focus on the key aspects of the program. The DRE can later determine the curriculum that would work. The AOB can help us with staff recommendations and job descriptions, and can help us prioritize what we want to tackle. They provided several examples of resources and literature for us to explore. The AOB was enthusiastic about family-based programs, but still respected that peers need to be with peers. The group considered asking current parishioners their thoughts on the change in direction of the program. The sub-committee is hoping to have a partial report by the end of the month.

**Mission Council:** The Mission Council's second meeting was on November 4. With Karen's departure, Tom Schwartz and Lauren Glass will work jointly as the Mission Support staff chairs. Cathy Nusbaum is serving as secretary. Discussion surrounded conflict regarding how to request events. By March 1, all ministries should present their calendar for July 2022-June 2023. The Liturgy Commission presented a list of dates for upcoming liturgies. The Evangelization Commission has met with most of the ministries. The Mission Support Commission didn't have much to report given recent changes. Terry noted the Mission Council is working as intended, promoting collaboration among ministries and the staff. The next big parish event is the Friday Fish Frys, where it's hoped that all ministries will be involved.

Fr. John presented the PPC with the following question: "Do we want to do many things or do a few things well?" The PPC needs to discuss this further. We need to identify all the things we do and undergo a process to refocus to the mission/vision. It was noted that it needs to be considered that some people's identities are wrapped in what they're doing, and quick changes would negatively affect that. It was suggested that maybe we don't want to do things that are transactional but are transformational.

**Discussion on *Forming Intentional Disciples*:** Margaret led our discussion on the book. It would be nice to bring a Called & Gifted process here to help discern individual charisms. Pedro is working on this. We discussed whether we are using our personal charisms in their fullest form, especially when making decisions and recommending things to Fr. John. Formation and sacraments are not just a one-and-done thing; you need to continually keep learning. We can't be passive, instead we must seek. We can't expect the church to give us everything on a silver platter. Parents can catechize their children, but children can also evangelize their parents. We don't have to give the parents the right answers, but the ability to answer the question.

**Discussion on Staff Changes and Pastor's Report:** There has been a lot of departures from the staff in the past year. We need to have the right staff to do what we have been focusing on and to promote the vision. We have hired a youth minister. The DRE will be important to hire. We have hired an interim music minister. Fr. John wants to make sure every hire fits the task, that the

tasks are well described, there are clear lines of reporting, and there are constant evaluations. The PPC and the staff need to be accessible to the parish.

Fr. John emphasized the importance of the PPC and the subcommittee's work on family based religious education and formation even though the meeting with Julie St. Croix seemed to emphasize the importance of the Director of Education and the DRE's role in making decisions because of their expertise. The PPC represents the church as it counsels the Pastor, and it is incredibly important the PPC is a) deeply aware of the issues, and b) present a united front as we go forward with radical new directions so that the church understands that this is something coming from a united leadership.

**Roundtable Discussion:** The PPC, Corporators, and Mission Council chair are contributing to one of the raffle baskets for the Breakfast with St. Nick. Ernie Tucker has joined the PPC. Mark Steinbrunner has agreed to be the Vice Chair of the PPC. There will be a Knights of Columbus Christmas Party on December 18 1-4pm, all parishioners are invited and it is free of cost.

The next PPC meeting will be on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 7pm in the Tonry Room. Bob will provide the prayer.

Attendance: Bob Geldmacher, Terry Morse, Margaret Patrick, Joselle Ruddle, Mark Steinbrunner, Ernie Tucker, Rachel Wandishin, Fr. John Worgul, and guests Tony Gioio, Gwen Lilly, and Chris Patrick.