

SJCC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes February 2, 2022

Bob led the opening prayer. There was no Open Forum discussion.

Sub-Committee Report and Discussion: In March 2021, Fr. John asked the PPC to form a subcommittee to investigate faith formation. Over the past year, the subcommittee has done significant research to identify best practices in Christian faith formation. From the findings, the subcommittee has developed recommendations for the future of faith formation at SJCC. The main recommendations surround a “Womb to Tomb” approach, focusing on parents as the primary catechists and a family-based formation program that is holistic. The subcommittee has developed recommendations that apply to all parishioners and recommendations that apply to specific age-groups: parents of young children, school age children, middle school age children, high school age children, young adults, and adults. To accomplish the recommendations, it is recognized that this is going to take years to accomplish. The recommendations presented do not include those for the young adult and adult age groups. These will be developed and presented as a follow up at a later date.

Fr. John asked the subcommittee if SJCC should embrace the radical step of accepting those kids whose parents are willing to embrace their responsibility of their children's formation only. The consensus was that we must challenge the parents with this responsibility, but perhaps also provide a second track for kids whose parents cannot be as involved for various reasons.

The PPC voted to submit the draft report to Fr. John as the final version of recommendations pending two small edits identified during the discussion. Terry provided those edits to the PPC and Fr. John on February 3.

Next steps for the PPC with this report include involving the staff members who will be implementing these recommendations and obtaining the Mission Council's buy-in as there is ministry impact. A presentation to Mission Council was suggested for their next meeting. In addition, the subcommittee will meet to complete development of the recommendations for the young adult and adult age groups.

Discussion on *Forming Intentional Disciples*: Margaret led our discussion on chapters 5 and 6 of the book. Trust and relationship are where evangelization starts. How do we react to others' curiosity?

Pastor's Report: The Archbishop has almost given his okay with switching the tabernacle in the main sanctuary out with the one from the old church. Fr. John will seek feedback from the parishioners about the change. Fr. John is using his pastoral letters and pastor-grams to introduce the changes we've made recently to the congregation and to introduce the strategic plan to parishioners. FOCUS Missionaries are coming on Feb 22-24. They are branching into parishes, on three-year terms, to form missionary disciples.

Mission Council Report: Tony provided the short report indicating the Council is on track given all the staff and leader turnaround. At the last meeting they talked about upcoming events with Lent and Easter. Commission Chairs now understand their accountabilities to the Council.

Roundtable Discussion: Lenten Fish Fry every Friday March 4-April 8. There's interest in having another Name Tag Sunday. Priority ranking exercise at next meeting. The PPC will be serving coffee and donuts on February 20.

The next PPC meeting will be on Wednesday, April 4 at 7pm in the Tonry Room. Ernie will provide the opening prayer. All are welcome.

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