

SJCC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2020

The meeting opened with prayer, led by Terry Morse, followed by open discussion.

Given the current situation with COVID19, all shared feedback around how everyone was doing, and opinions around how SJCC was adjusting to the ever-changing circumstances. It was agreed that the live streaming of the mass was great. Additionally, the 4:30 pm messages have been truly relevant and well received. A huge thanks to Karen Spivey, Cathy Nusbaum and Joe Landry for all their efforts in ensuring that transitioning to live streaming was a success. A big concern is the community of parishioners over the age of 75. There has been outreach (140 phone calls made), however some information on file is not accurate. There was some discussion around the upcoming plans for Easter and the Triduum as well. The council then broke off into virtual groups to discuss in greater detail the feedback from the young families evening with the PPC. To streamline focus these were the questions asked of the groups: What *one, two or three* take away messages did you hear *for each of the six mission priorities* from the February meeting? What are the implications for our ministries *and our planning*?

In short summary this is what was discussed: **For prayer/worship & Mass times:** CLOW received a lot of praise, having a short summary of the readings prior to them being read is very helpful, bringing children to the altar is a great way to include them, & the motivational speakers add value. Areas for improvement here might be adding CLOW to the 5pm Mass(es), the summaries of readings are great, but consider digging a little deeper and make them child friendly where appropriate (at a family mass for example), find more ways to make the homilies more relevant to young families, and a huge focus on updating the music. Mass times were also a large topic of discussion. **For welcoming:** Overall, SJCC received very high ratings with regard to Welcoming. The areas of improvement that were discussed were: adding coffee and donuts to all mass times if possible, moving the reserved section for families to the front rather than in the back of the church, consistently inviting the children up to the altar and have them stay for the Our Father, and continue to spread the message that ALL are welcome. Other suggestions were: Consider delaying the starting of the first reading until those that are entering late are seated, offering a parenting class for young families in an effort to assist with questions they have, or challenges they might be facing, with regard to raising their children in the faith, and continuing to find ways to get the message out around evangelization and how all can get involved. **For Accompaniment and Encounter:** There are numerous ways for the community to become involved, but it still feels as if the message is either not getting out, or there is not enough time for planning. Thus, finding a way to improve here would be appreciated. A contact person was suggested for a solution. Another improvement might be expanding our social media platforms or utilizing them even more than we already are. Bring the giving tree back. Lastly, regarding religious education, who is the best contact person for those being homeschooled, and, consider shortening the confirmation classes from 2 years to something less. **For Sending:** As a reiteration of the above statements, finding more ways for families (especially) to be involved. Also, finding a way to make service activities more relational, and not just transactional. **For Mission Support:** Overall, considering families and their busy schedules when it comes to planning events at SJCC was highly suggested. There is a concern that we aren't "Kid Friendly" Enough. The top 3 emails that come out weekly is a great tool, however. Also, the movie nights hosted by the Knights of Columbus is highly praised.

Pastors Report: Father Neville praised the 3 mentioned above with how great they have been with assisting with, and implementing all changes that keep happening, to ensure that SJCC can stay as connected as a community as possible. There has been financial impact. Nick Pinto and the Finance Commission had an emergency meeting – took \$140K from the endowment fund to hold us through April and May. There are upcoming tough decisions regarding furloughing. There is little income projected through the end of June. About \$13K a week from Faith direct. \$30K is typically budgeted. Might have to find a way to make it last longer. The endowment lost a lot of money given the stock market conditions. Diocese is unsure if they will fall under the care act. Unsure whether a parish can be considered a separate entity. Senior leadership will be taking a 20% furlough upcoming. Sacramentally everything is delayed. There will be no First Eucharist. They cannot offer last rights to anyone with COVID19. (Only to those that are dying that are NOT afflicted with COVID19). There will be a huge effort to ensure that there is a large digital presence for the Easter Triduum. The decision has been made to not host an information evening/discernment regarding upcoming PPC. The current PPC will remain in place until dismissed by the new Pastor. All officers/roles will remain as custodians of the plan and money, until a new direction has been clearly set. The Marianist celebration that was to happen on April 19th is tentatively moved to June 20, 2020 (if there will be one at all). TBD. Thanks to Nick Pinto for working so quickly around finances. There is no prohibition on layoffs or furloughs.

Thanks to all who assisted with the Fish fry. About 300 were fed. Everyone had a great time. The memory of it is wonderful. We closed out SJCC on a good note. Looking forward to next year.

The meeting concluded with a prayer led by Fr. Neville.

Attendance: Fr. Neville, Terry Morse, Tony Gioio, Joselle Ruddle, Sue Wilson, Dominic Pinto, Sharon Borcharding, Gwen Lily, Chris Patrick, Rachel Wandishin, John Pavlik, Catherine Milstead, James Fetter, Laura Bird, Bob Bastress, Josh Thiem, Bruce Baumgarten, Bill Jones.