

## **SJCC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes** – November 6, 2019

The meeting opened with prayer and faith sharing.

**Commission updates:** John Pavlik sent an update on the Evangelization Commission. Sharing Christ is all wrapped up. Discovering Christ will begin in February 2020. The Welcome Ministry is up and running with 3 new parishioners paired with Welcome Ministers thus far. In Christian Faith Formation there has been positive feedback regarding the program for this year. Enrollment numbers have increased. Catechist involvement is also up. Attributing to the change: Established relationship w/ parents and catechists, flexible faith formation programs, & family gatherings. Rachel Wandishin and Terry Morse have volunteered to work on the annual report.

**Action Steps:** Time was spent in small groups finalizing details around the Plan, in an effort to close out this topic for the remainder of the year. **Group 1** (Bruce, Terry, Sue, Chris, Josh, Rachel, Bob) *Liturgy:* Majority felt that the proposed wording is acceptable and should be recommended for the change. Measurement is of overall involvement in the liturgy, not an indicator of how vibrant it is. **Group 2** (Fr. Neville, Leigh Ann, Bill, Laura, Tony, Sharon) Discussed *Accompaniment 2.4*. Consensus is to remove the “& commissions” from this action step; it will allow for more flexibility among all groups and each ministry will have creative opportunities for growth. In a dual effort to give families an opportunity to learn and serve together and also give ministries the responsibility of caring for family’s actions, and these action steps ask the ministry to creatively find opportunities to involve the family. (All child protection policies will always apply.) Concluding these proposed changes, Fr. Neville will discuss among staff and identify a new lead/contributor(s) for this action step. This ministry is a witness to/for families within the community. There is outreach even if they themselves don’t have a defined “family” unit. **Group 3.** (Karen, Joselle, James, Robert, Emily, Nick) Discussed *Sending 1* and reworded “In all SJCC activities on campus, or off campus, include prayer and, when possible, faith sharing, to build a foundation of support for one another and those they serve.

All the proposed changes were approved. The Implementation Team noted that collecting artifacts directly related to the plan will be critical to its growth. It was agreed that there will be a progress update twice a year.

**Adoration chapel:** With new leadership this is a great opportunity to realign the focus around it. Fr. John discussed the chapel in a letter in a prior Sunday bulletin. He asked: “How we might deepen our awareness of these blessings and grow them through the other formative programs we offer?” This question was discussed in the last 15 minutes of the meeting, some of the take-aways were:

- Take the Blessed Sacrament out of the chapel and bring awareness to it, such as in a High Mass.
- Contemplative prayer/teaching modules while doing exposition.
- Need to educate how to best utilize it. Many don't know what to do. Adjusting to the quiet may take a while.
- Prayer intentions. Invite parishioners to place their intentions within the chapel so that those in the chapel can pray from that list. Perhaps make the current list more accessible to all parishioners.
- Can there be talking during exposition of the sacrament, such as the rosary or other devotionals?
- Consider reinstating the 150 hours adoration periodically.
- Roman tradition of 48 hours. Perhaps Advent might be a good time to do this.
- A theme: "Come pray with me". Waiting in Joyful Hope series could link into this.

### **Pastors Report.**

The Sunday, Nov 3, Mass was well attended with 1500 total people.

The Memorial service at the 10:45 Mass went well with 600 people.

On December 17 Fr. Oscar Vasquez will be in Eldersburg

Next Sunday 10:45 - The Vicar for the western Vicariate Deacon Dr. Chris Young will be acting as Deacon at the mass.

Next 5 weeks - new homily series "Waiting in Joyful Hope" Fr. John and Fr. Neville wrote a joint letter addressing this.

On Sunday, the 8th of December there will be an afternoon retreat.

Sad news of the death of Cathy Nusbaum's Mom. Her funeral will be Monday Nov. 11 @ 10am

Commemorating Fr. Paul, his name was omitted from the Day of the Dead.

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

**Attendance:** Robert Muhl, Sue Wilson, Dominic Pinto, Sharon Borcharding, Karen Spivey, Bob Bastress, Laura Bird, Rachel Wandishin, Leigh Ann Gagnon, Bruce Baumgarten, Josh Thiem, Bill Jones, Fr. Neville O’Donohue, James Fetter, Terry Morse, Tony Gioio, Joselle Ruddle, Chris Patrick