

## **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, April 22, 2024**

This was a joint meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and the Mission Council (MC) with Emmaus Team members of the Office of Parish Renewal, Archdiocese of Baltimore (AoB) for the purpose of assisting SJCC in updating its Parish Pastoral Plan. The meeting was led by the Emmaus Team members.

**Welcome:** The meeting was opened by Becki Kaman, AoB Parish Renewal Specialist. Becki introduced herself and Dcn. Roch Kallmyer, who is also an AoB Parish Renewal Specialist.

Becki asked each of the PPC and MC members, and Corporators to introduce themselves and share how long he or she has been with SJCC.

**Opening Prayer:** Becki led the opening prayer.

### **Parish Pastoral Plan Discussion:**

Becki began the discussion by asking for background on the current state of the SJCC Parish Pastoral Plan (the Plan). Rachel shared background on the development of the current draft of the revised Plan, starting with the most recent version of the Plan, dated 2019, and the Archbishop's plan A Light Brightly Visible 2.0, dated 2021, with the goal of making the Plan more accessible to parishioners.

Jane added that we wanted a Plan that is not intimidating to parishioners, is a living document and gives parishioners an idea of the direction of the parish. The current draft links ministries to the objectives in the SJCC Plan as a way of helping parishioners identify where they fit in the Plan. Jane added that the ministries all agreed to their placement in the Plan.

Becki distributed a model set of *Core Mission Priorities* used by the AoB as a tool in assisting parishes develop plans. She asked if there are any differences between the current draft plan for SJCC and this model. A few differences were noted including the term "transformative" to describe the liturgy experience in the AoB model.

Deacon Roch gave a presentation on the *Core Mission Priorities*:

- Liturgy
- Welcome
- Encounter
- Accompaniment
- Sending
- Mission Support

He focused on the four middle priorities (Welcome, Encounter, Accompaniment and Sending) as an approach to evangelization. He went on to describe these four priorities as a "discipleship pathway" or a means of bringing people at all states of life into the church. Becki added that people enter the "discipleship pathway" at very different stages in their lives. The bottom line being we want people to have an encounter with Christ.

Following the discussion of the "discipleship pathway," Becki made a few specific recommendations regarding the SJCC draft plan, including re-evaluating which core objectives

ministries are associated with (e.g., moving Baptism Prep from Sending to Welcome) and avoiding insider language that parishioners may not understand.

Becki then described the concept of “mission teams” around which ministries could be clustered. She shared a few examples, such as social justice and outreach, life, and evangelization. Becki promised to share more specific information on “mission teams” with SJCC.

This was followed by a wide-ranging discussion on mission and vision statements with no consensus or actionable items emerging.

Terry suggested that we reflect on and redistribute ministries around the *Core Mission Priorities* in the context of the “discipleship pathway.” Tony added that the concept of “mission teams” should be considered in reorganizing ministries into tighter groups.

Fr. John concluded that the Parish Pastoral Plan subcommittee should revisit the work that has been done thus far, consider the ideas that were suggested at this meeting and incorporate Terry’s suggestions to use the “discipleship pathway” concept to reorganize where ministries are in the Plan, group them into “mission teams” that align with the four core mission priorities that fall under evangelization (Welcome, Encounter, Accompaniment, and Sending), evaluate the ministries to see where there might be redundancy or too many ministries, and identify any opportunities for other ministries that might be needed.

The subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, May 1.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. John led the closing prayer.

**Attendance:**

PPC Members: Fr. John Worgul, Rachel Wandishin, Minta Davis, Jane Miller, Kathy Reid, Joselle Ruddle, Ernie Tucker

MC Members: Tony Gioio, Lauren Glass, Elena Hodgkiss, Lucy Lyles, Cathy Nusbaum, Tom Schwartz

Corporators: Gwen Lilly, Terry Morse

AoB, Office of Parish Renewal, Emmaus Team Members: Becki Kaman, Dcn. Roch Kallmyer

Associate Pastor: Fr. Patrick McCain