



Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish
150 Fleury Avenue
Prescott, AZ 86301

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Nov. 1, 2021
“Being the Living Example of God’s Love to Others”

Present: Fr. Raj, Jim Wren, Henry Cromeek, Judy Carlisi, Martha Lamb, Margarita Arellano. Jim Yates

Absent: Michael King, Greg Kozlowski, Mark Matthews

Guests: Kevin Keighron; Shelley Cooper, SHCS Principal

Meeting called to order: 4pm

Opening Prayer: Henry Cromeek

Approval of minutes: Minutes from Oct 5, 2021, were approved with changes

I Introductions:

A. New Pastoral Council Member Jim Yates introduced himself and gave us an overview of his participation in various ministries and those of his wife. All the pastoral council members introduced themselves. Thank you, Jim, and welcome!

II Pastor’s Report: Fr. Raj

A. **Recent Events:** Good feedback on the new parishioner dinner, Heritage Festival, and the Silver Rose Ceremony.

B. **Upcoming Events:** All Souls Day; Dia de Los Muertos (day of the dead); Thanksgiving Mass; Advent Mission. The Book of the Dead is in the back of the church for signing. Please see the parish bulletin for details. The inner faith event has been canceled this year.

C. **Fr. Raj away:** Fr Raj will be on vacation Nov. 9- December 10.

III Sacred Heart Catholic School: Shelly Cooper

A. Shelly Cooper reviewed the opportunities the Sacred Heart Catholic School children must renew their faith, current academic standards and successes, as well as the extracurricular activities of Sacred Heart School.

IV Feedback from Pastoral Council:

A. **Sharing:** Fr. Raj asked members to share what we see and hear in our parish community.

B. **Communication:** Great strides have been made in communication among ministries.

V – New Business

A dialogue brought up an opportunity to enhance our hospitality value at mass by reinitiating a welcoming announcement from the altar which asks for sharing celebrations for birthdays and anniversaries and visitors’ attendance. Father Raj will bring this up at the clergy meeting and support priests who want to do this. Secondly the idea of developing a cadre of volunteers to do this was also suggested but no action was taken at this time.

VI – Summary and Announcements: A new Pastoral Council contact list was printed and given to each member. There will be no Pastoral Council meeting in December. Our next meeting will be in January. (possibly Jan 3)

VII - Closing prayer: Led by Henry Cromeek

VIII - Meeting Adjourned - 5:05

Respectfully submitted by Judy Carlisi