



## Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish

*150 Fleury Avenue*

*Prescott, AZ 86301*

### Pastoral Council Committee Meeting Minutes March 14, 2022

*"Being the Living Example of God's Love to Others"*

**Present:** Father Raj, Jim Wren, Martha Lamb, Mark Matthews, Margarita Arellano, and Jim Yates.

**Guests:** Kevin Keighron

**Opening Prayer:** led by Margarita Arellano

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes of the Feb. 7, 2022, meeting were approved with the following correction: correct spelling of Margarita's last name.

**Parish Values Dialogue.** Martha gave a brief presentation that ALL of our Parish values were demonstrated by our parishioners during the various Synod session.

**Pastor's Report:** Father Raj advised that Lent began with full Ash Wednesday Masses. Our Priests continue to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation three days a week and the priests are seeing an increase in participation. The book "Living Joy" is the Lenten gift this year and the staff will host discussion groups on April 28 & 29. The homilies for Sunday, Mar. 20, will provide a report to the parish on the Claretians in Ukraine along with a special collection to assist them during this time of extreme need. World Youth Day will be held in Portugal in 2023 and we need to start planning to send a contingent of our youth/priests to represent Sacred Heart Parish.

**Parish Manager report:** Jim Wren informed the Council that the 2<sup>nd</sup> version of the budget will be completed this month and Terry Brennan will present it to the council once it is in the final form and approved by the Finance council. Our parish continues to grow with 4 new families registering with the past week. We have approximately 1900 families. The Lenten Mission was very successful with several request to have Fr John return in the future. Jim advised us that the book "Living Joy" was not available in a Spanish version. We have received permission from the County to hold the annual Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at Courthouse Square. It will be led by the youth this year and we have purchased a new portable sound system for the music. Finally staff performance reviews are currently in process.

**Old Business:** Kevin gave an update on the Synod process. The listening sessions have been completed and the Synod Committee is meeting to begin the report process for the Diocese. We had approximately 200 participants.

**New Business:** A discussion for a new Parish Directory began with Jim advising that the company that handled our past directory is no longer in business and after several inquires, he found that other companies are no longer doing directories as they are not profitable. Fr. Raj suggested a "Life of the Parish" directory with the Priests, staff and parish ministries highlighted. Jim advised that Roger Dubin has agreed to help with the photography and layout. Council members this sounded like a good idea and will pursue creating a committee to handle this project. A Parish Survey has been suggested by Fr. Raj as a follow up to the Synod responses and it was decided that the initial survey would be created by the Synod Committee and submitted for approval/suggestions to the Council and Pastor. A Prayer for Peace will be printed to be said at all Masses for the world situation.

**Announcement:** Our next Council meeting will be April 4, 2022 at 4pm

**Closing Prayer:** led by Margarita Arellano