



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

**Pastoral Council Committee Minutes September 12, 2022**  
*Being a living example of God's Love to Others"*

**Present:** Fr. Raj, , Martha Lamb, Mark Matthews, Jim Yates, Bernie Heath, Mike King

**Absent:** Margarita Arellano, Deacon Mark Weber, William Rodriguez

**Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order by Martha at 4:00pm

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Bernie Heath

**Approval of minutes:** August 3, 2022, meeting minutes approved with a minor edit clarifying that Jim in the Managers report was Jim Wren.

**Old Business:** 1) Martha reported that plans for the Ministry Fair weekends were progressing with 23 ministries having confirmed tables. 2) The Hispanic Fair will be October 2. 3) A dialogue occurred regarding response to the calls made to new parishioners. Those parishioners who answered the phone were pleased to this welcome and questions and answering conversation. Phone messages were left but few were followed up on by the new parishioners. 4) The conversations that occurred after the August 13-14 Parish Council Ambo announcement about the role of the Council were cordial with ideas and relationship building. Several ideas were presented, and consideration and responses were good opportunities to listen to parishioners. These ideas were taken under advisement by the Council and pastor. 5) Father Raj encouraged Council members to keep current on what is happening in the Parish. Read Parish media about events, ministries, the parish webpage information and what is happening in the parish are examples of ways. We are ambassadors of the Parish and our role on being Council members is dependent on our being "knowledgeable and participative" in parish activities.

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. Raj's report consisted of 1) reviewing recent parish activities. Lector training, Leadership dinner with Synod presentation, etc. praising participation in the Hopefest event, gratitude for the rosary prayer time before mass, and the emerging faith formation groups recently established. 2) He encouraged Parish Council members to lead and facilitate lay ministers to accomplish parish programs. Future events are the Parish's Corporate meeting with the Bishop on September 15, 3) Father is optimistic about the Ministry Fair, and the Heritage Festival activities period from October 20 -23<sup>rd</sup>. Parish wide celebration will be Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. A committee is working on a daily schedule during this 4-day period.

The Eucharistic Revival is beginning its phase 1 activities with the parish Directors/staff learning more about the objectives and various activities planned. The Council will be briefed on the parish progress in this important spiritual initiative.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for **October 3, 2022.**  
Closing prayer by Bernie Heath

