



Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish
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\ Pastoral Council Committee Minutes November 14,2022
Being a living example of God's Love to Others"

Present: Fr. Raj, Martha Lamb, Margarita Arellano, William Rodriguez, Mark Matthews, Bernie Health Mike King, Jim Wren

Absent: Deacon Mark Weber, Jim Yates **Guests:** Kevin Keighron

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

Opening Prayer: Council members

Approval of minutes: October 3, 2022 meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Old business:

Martha briefed on the **status of the Rosary before masses**. All masses are progressing in number of persons reciting the Rosary. 5:00 pm Sunday night mass needs leaders.

Eucharistic revival: Martha shared a couple of handouts about two facets of the revival. One addresses the Church needing healing and the World needs Jesus. The other is the need for prayer before the Eucharist, particularly the Adoration Chapel. The Pastoral Council is the only Council that has members who are scheduled weekly adorers. There is a critical need for 8 time slots and a strong need for many other times during the day and night.

New Parishioners: Phone calls to new parishioners are welcomed and appreciated by those receiving greetings from our Pastoral Council members. Mike stated that he was going to try a new approach of sending out a brief e-mail to those that have listed e-mails with an alert that he will be calling them to say hello and welcome as we all do. He will include his phone number in his brief message.

Pastor's Report

Father gave a recap of past activities and alerted the Council to future activities. He was pleased with the Ministry Fair and Heritage weekend activities of the last month. New recruits signed up for various ministries. Sunday appears to be a more popular day for attendance and is recommended for next year's Heritage weekend. Attendance was consistent throughout the day and unfortunately, we ran out of tacos, a disappointment to some. The new parishioner dinner had some cancellations but 30-35 people attended. Families were invited and two couples brought children; a joyful first for the dinner. Jim made some remarks at the end of the dinner and recruited people who responded favorably to help with various ministries and the Knights of Columbus. Other **forthcoming actions are a weekly bulletin column** featuring various ministries. It is not about recruitment but more about what the mission is and is doing for our parish and community. **Ambo announcements will commence** starting in January and continue monthly, the first weekend of the month. The objectives are like the bulletin column.

The new parish Directory is out, and many have picked it up. An effort will be made to encourage Christmas visitors to take a copy to learn of parish activities and ministries. **Father participated in a Claretian Vocational conference** in Spokane WA recently and all participants learned about new approaches and ways to encourage religious vocations. **Our Parish has formed a Vocational Committee** with 4 couples and Amanda, of our Youth Ministry as the leader of this committee.

World Youth Day: Their first meeting is scheduled for November 13. There will be a Diocesan Conference in early 2023. **The Bishop is establishing a new Diocesan ministry concentrating on mental health.** We will be hearing more about that soon and at the diocesan Conference. Annual Lector and Eucharistic Minister training was recently completed.

The Parish will be **hosting two priests from the headquarters of the Claretian provincial** in Chicago from November 9-13 to review parish activities and programs. Dialogue with staff members may be scheduled.

Father Ralph has scheduled knee surgery on November 28 and Father Gaspar will cover St Catherine's parish. Recovery is expected to take 10 days or so.

Eucharistic revival: The parish staff has been reviewing the objectives, timelines and a video that will be a topic of a Pastoral Council meeting in February or March.

Parish Manager's Report.

The Advent Mission scheduled for December 4 and 5 has been announced in various media. Previous missions and special liturgical activities have not been well attended and Council members were encouraged to be good examples and participate in these spiritual activities.

Jim reported that the Parish will be hosting the **Eucharistic Miracles exhibit that Beatified Carlo Acutis** researched and developed. It is also available online. This traveling "exhibit" will be here in the Forum for 4 days in the Forum and St Teresa Room. These four days are from March 17-20. The exhibit must be staffed when it is open to enforce security, crowd control, and items not allowed in the exhibit rooms. Volunteers will be sought to carry out these duties. With the Exhibit during March the parish will defer having a Lenten Mission and instead have an after Easter Mission in May.

Jim reviewed **upcoming personnel changes** that have been announced in the bulletin, Flock notes and word of mouth: namely the retirements of Tina Nemeth and Lisa Tucker and the reassignment of Alma Helms as parish executive assistant. We are seeking a part-time cook and a full-time accounting assistant and other administrative work. John Gust, Facilities Manager, is planning to retire in April.

Margarita Arellano announced that she is moving to the Valley of the Sun to be near family. She will be moving in early December. Father and fellow Council members thanked her for her service to the Council and the parish, especially her liaison to the Hispanic Council and her valuable work in planning and organizing the Heritage Week and Spanish Festival.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for December 12 so as not to conflict with the Advent Mission. Closing Prayer by all in attendance.