

Memo

To: Pastoral Council
From: Fr. O'Brien
Re: Meeting, October 9, 2017

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be on October 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room in Church (Classroom 2)

Agenda

Prayer: "In Thanksgiving for Our Call to Baptism"

- A. Pope John XXIII Faith Formation Program
 - 1. Overview and 2017-18 Registration
 - 2. Trends, and Concerns
 - 3. Discussion: Thoughts and suggestions as we move into the future

- B. Pope John XXIII Feast Day Celebration
 - 1. Saturday/Sunday October 14-15
 - 2. Liturgical and Social Plans

- C. Activities and Events in the Fall
 - 1. Food Pantry Programs, Parish Mission Social Events
 - 2. Discussion: How can we do a better job of promoting events and activities and encouraging participation.

- D. Updates
 - 1. Celebration of New Life
 - 2. Immaculata Award

- E. Pastor's Report

- F. Questions, concerns and suggestions.

Meeting Schedule 9/12/17, 10/9/17, 11/13/17, 1/15/18, 3/19/18, 5/21/18

Pope John XXIII Pastoral Council Minutes for October 9, 2017 Meeting

In Attendance: Msgr. James O'Brien, Deacon Ralph Jahnige, Jean Cole, Tom Collins, Elizabeth Fallon, Don Mac Laughlin, Larry Messina, Paula Picciotto, Marty Quinn, Gail Rau, Randy Steffen, Amy Stevens, Michael Zaccaria

Excused: Joe DeMar, Denise Pudney, Dawn Marie Rau, Frank Sylvester

Topic A: Introduction of all Council Members to Michael Zaccaria.

Topic B: Faith Formation - Elizabeth reviewed the Faith Formation handout that she created. Fees were suspended again this year, and several families expressed appreciation for that. Many families do not send their children between Sacramental Years. There is a decrease in enrollment from last year (by approx. 100), however there are still calls and registration forms coming in. Over the last 20 years, enrollment in the program went from approx. 1200 students to 229 students. Several families cite extracurricular activities and sports as the reason they do not enroll. The entire Diocese is experiencing the same enrollment issues. In addition, the Faith Formation Office at the Diocesan Level is changing. The Director of Faith Formation at the Diocesan Level has retired and is not being replaced. The entire department is being analyzed and the purpose of the department is being revised.

Topic C: Pope John XXIII Feast Day Celebration - Msgr. O'Brien discussed the plan for the Liturgical Celebration for the weekend of October 14-15. Elizabeth Fallon, Len Gass and Larry Messina will offer their reflection during the masses. Paula discussed the Feast Day Celebration scheduled for October 14th after the 5pm Mass. It will have an "Old World Style"

Topic D: Promoting Activities in the Parish - We discussed how to do a better job of promoting activities and volunteer opportunities within the church. Several suggestions were made: utilizing the Facebook Page more, the Remind App, a Television in the Vestibule. Also, it was suggested that we have an Open House with volunteers from each Ministry available to share what is involved in their Ministry and to recruit new volunteers. Another suggestion was to have a family and/or individual mentor new parishioners, to make the new parishioners welcome, and encourage them to become active in the Parish.

Topic E: Pastors Report – We discussed the changes with the Bible Study Program. This will become more of a discussion rather than a teaching atmosphere. Hopefully this will allow this program to become better. Tom discussed the roof repairs that were necessary and the status of the repairs. The small roof over the Daily Mass Chapel/Crying Room needed to be completely replaced. 2 Large areas in the class room areas have been sealed. Also, the Parish Center roof (near the Food Pantry/Kitchen) plywood is separating, and needs to be repaired/replaced. Tom has estimates to replace that roof. That work should be completed before the snow flies. The other items on the Pastor's Report were touched upon.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2017 at 7pm in the Meeting Room.