

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING 9-19-2024

Meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

Present – Father Joe, Kathryn Moery, John Riordan, Matthew Lee-Own, Mark Chapman (via Zoom), Al Ferolie, Michael Griffin, Jola Oliver, Luca Ripani, Adam White

Opening Prayer – Al delivered the opening prayer, a reflection on the “Our Father”. Al highlighted the sections of the prayer “*As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*” The prayer is actively asking us to do something: namely to forgive others. It is much harder to understand the second portion of “lead us not into temptation” as we don’t think of God as leading us into temptation.

Fr. Joe noted that over the numerous translations of the Bible, the text of the “Our Father” has retained much of its past verbiage. Thus, a more modern translation of that might read “do not put us to the test”.

Review of Retreat Proceedings – The PPC briefly reviewed the proceedings from our PPC retreat (a further discussion of these items was deferred to later in the meeting for selection of PPC theme for the year).

Book Selection Discussion – Discussion was opened into the selection of a book for the Council to read for the year. The following titles were put forward:

Thriving Faith

Fr. James Mallon

Link: <https://a.co/d/gXBOE6I>

The Wounded Healer

Henri J. M. Nouwen

Link: <https://a.co/d/5QMWiN1>

To Light a Fire on the Earth

Bishop Robert Barron

Link: <https://a.co/d/c6HT3ri>

The Council elected to read *The Wounded Healer* for the first part of our council year and then *Thriving Faith* for the second part of the year.

Announcements

- **The PPC will host a New Parishioner Welcome Event on October 6, 2024 after the 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses.**
 - Contacting Invitees - Fr. Joe will have a batch email sent (~Sept. 27th) to all newly registered parishioners. PPC members will follow-up that next week by making phone calls to new parishioners to invite them to the event.
 - Call lists were assigned to PPC members
 - Event Details – The PPC will host elevated hospitality in the Parish Hall and tours of the Church will be hosted by Dee Tevonian. Knights of Columbus will be asked to serve as outside greeters to help direct people to the Parish Hall. PPC members signed up for various assignments in support of the event.
 - Suggestion was made that the PPC distribute a physical item for Parishioners to take home from the Welcoming Event.

Discussion and Selection of Council Theme

- PPC members reviewed documents entitled “*Highlights of 2023-2024 Council Activities*” as well as “*Suggestions made at 2024 Retreat*” and “*Suggestion Box*”.
- Discussion was opening into selecting a theme for the PPC for the year. Last years’ theme was the themes of Welcoming, Accompanying and Sending.
- Proposal was made that this year’s theme take inspiration from the video the PPC watched during the retreat, discussing the topic of “Radical Hospitality.”
 - Specifically the phrase, “*Everyone is a hospitality minister*” was significant for many PPC members.
- The PPC decided to focus this year’s theme on Hospitality and are currently workshopping an official “thematic statement”

Generation to Generation Capital Campaign – Fr. Joe informed the PPC that the Archdiocese will be running a new capital campaign, beginning in 2025. As with previous capital campaigns, a portion of the funds raised are returned to the Parish. Fr. Joe asked the PPC to offer suggestions as to what we could use the funds for. The following ideas were offered:

- Updated lighting in the sanctuary.
- Renovations of the Parish Hall for additional hospitality events.
- Addition of Kitchen facilities to the Parish Hall.
 - We would need to investigate the permitting for the Kitchen's exhaust system since it cannot be discharged onto the street level.
- Installation of solar panels on top of the rectory.
 - Fr. Joe noted that some of the research work for this had already been done and an investment of approximately \$90k would be needed to the solar provider.
- Installation of a physical song board to inform parishioners the page numbers for hymns and readings from the Missal.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Joe delivered the closing prayer giving thanks for the members of the PPC and asking for guidance of the Holy Spirit over our endeavors as a council this year.