

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting
May 3, 2017**

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Hanan Tanios, Beverly Beatty, Marianne Canetti, Mac Chapman, Rick Creed, Frank Lee, Bill Munday, Jeanne Murphy, Megan Tilles, Onyi Onyeador, Gayle Plecha, and Margaret Johnson as the staff representative

Absent: Carl Mossberg, Bob Rapoza and Katelyn Parker

Guests: Paul Leo (Seekers), Jeanne Leo (Women's Council), Joe Arroyo, Chris Ratliff, Jack Creeden, Adriana Schiappa, Kelly Tramontin, Liam FitzGerald, Andrew Leung, Ernesto Vega (L.A. Archdiocese V Encuentro Chair), and Maricruz Salcedo (L.A. Archdiocese Administrator)

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed the guests.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Megan Tilles.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

V Encuentro

Representatives from the L.A. Archdiocese: Ernesto Vega, V Encuentro Chair and Maricruz Saucedo, Administrator, gave a presentation about V Encuentro, which was followed by a question and answer period. Msgr. Sork asked Pastoral Council to reflect on the information so it can be discussed at a later meeting.

Feedback on Lenten/Easter Activities

Palm Sunday, April 9 – The procession with the large palms was nice. The decorations in the church were beautiful.

Penance service, Wednesday, April 12 – A comment was made that the music with vocals was too loud and distracting. Instrumental music might work better. The service was beautiful. There was a great turnout with about 350 people. The lines were easy to distinguish, and the two parish staff members present were helpful. Individual confessions were held on Holy Thursday morning and afternoon.

Holy Thursday, April 13 – This was another beautiful and powerful service. The new church makes having the processions easier. The presentation of the oils was also powerful. A suggestion was made to have a handheld or standing microphone during the presentation of the oils to make it easier to hear the speakers. Fr. Francis presided, and Fr. Kalu helped because Fr. Francis is still recovering from knee surgery.

Good Friday, April 14 at 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM – The 7:30 PM service had a great turnout. There appeared to be a larger attendance than in previous years. It was a very touching and amazing experience. The altar servers were phenomenal, and Liam FitzGerald did a very good job as the Master of Ceremony. Fr. Kalu did a wonderful job as the presider.

Easter Vigil, April 15 – This was a beautiful Mass. People liked having the Mass begin outside. Because the church was dark, it was a little difficult to read the Post-its on the pews for the reserved areas. A suggestion was made to rope off the area and explain the reason for doing so. Everything went smoothly and felt very relaxed. The maintenance staff was on top of everything especially with mopping things up after the Baptisms.

Feedback on Easter Mass Schedule

Changing the Mass times on Easter Sunday to 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM seemed to work very well and really helped with hospitality and parking. The message about the new times seemed to reach the majority of the parishioners. A few families came at the regular time. There was a security guard from 6:00 AM – 9:00 AM to keep hikers from using the parking lot. A suggestion was made to create something to help guide people to the Masses in the PAC. The decorations were nice. There were more teens helping with the decorating this year. They ran out of wine at the 9:00 AM Mass in one section. This needs to be addressed with the EMs responsible for the wine and hosts.

Report on Sanctus Retreat

Beverly Beatty reported another successful retreat. She thanked Marianne Canetti, Jeanne Murphy, Chris Ratliff, Bill Munday, Frank and Joan Lee, and Bob Rapoza for helping at the retreat and Joe Arroyo as her co-leader. There were a total of 30 participants (37 registered, but several canceled and a couple showed up at the door). Seven of the participants will be on the team next year. The evaluations were positive and supportive. It was a wonderful day to see people grow in their own faith journeys. Mike Riccio and Linda Lee will lead the next Sanctus Retreat on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of April Minutes

Hanan Tanios asked for corrections to the April minutes. It was noted to correct the spelling of Bill Munday's last name on the first page under "Absent" and to correct the spelling of Los Angeles on the last page. Bill Munday moved to approve the April minutes as corrected. Frank Lee seconded. The minutes were approved.

Parish Activities Evaluation Metrics

Bill Munday handed out the updated evaluation metrics. Most of his time has been spent working with the Parish staff, so he thanked them for making time to meet with him. Grant Hungerford agreed to pilot the electronic version of the survey for his major music events; however, only four people responded to the survey for the Lenten concert. A recommendation was made to put the link to the surveys on the website. Misty Jesse chose the traditional manual survey form. She tried it with the Parish Mission and received 150-200 surveys with very good feedback. Bill was pleased with the number of responses but noted that doing it manually, it took him a lot of time. Misty will do it again for other large events. It was decided that the Ministry Fair in October is the best way to capture a count of people's participation in the various ministries. Margaret Johnson created a retention report for First Communion students. Gayle

Plecha has been a good source of Parish data for Bill. He determined that the annual Eucharist consumption for Mass attendance is not precise enough to get a good indication of Mass attendance. The council will continue to rely on the annual census. Bill met with Katie Dante a couple of times but will need to meet again with her after confirmation. He still needs to meet with Anne-Marie Hudani. Bill also reported that 2/3 of the 10,000 Catholics living within the SJF parish boundaries are registered at SJF. Gayle Plecha said that this Pastoral Plan objective has been met for this year.

PV Street Fair: June 10th & 11th

The PV Street Fair is Saturday, June 10th and Sunday, June 11th from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Mac Chapman passed around a sign-up sheet. He would appreciate everyone's support by signing up for a two-hour timeslot. If you want to support the event but don't know which date and time you are available yet, let him know. He will have a final count at the next Pastoral Council meeting. SJF requested a similar booth location as last year, and the City said they would do their best to accommodate the request, but there has been no word yet. The plan for the event is to focus on three things: "a Catholic Community for All", SJF School, and the music concerts. Joanne Selvaggio will help supply the materials for the school. Hanan Tanios suggested pairing a school parent or teacher with a Pastoral Council member for each timeslot at the booth. At the previous meeting Bob Rapoza offered to help set up the booth. Mac Chapman asked for additional help with set up.

Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Ordination of Msgr. Gilb

Gayle Plecha reported that staff has been working hard to put together a diamond celebration for Msgr. Gilb on Sunday, May 7th in Barrett Hall after the 10:45 AM Mass, which he will be concelebrating with Msgr. Sork, Fr. Francis, and Fr. Kalu. She passed out a timeline for the day and mentioned areas where Pastoral Council can help. Lisa's Bon Appétit will cater the event for 350 people, but SJF will provide coffee, lemonade and water. Marianne Canetti, Jeanne Murphy, Beverly Beatty and Onyi Onyeador offered to help. Molly Slaughter will need help with decorating on Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 AM. Beverly Beatty volunteered to help. Gayle Plecha asked Pastoral Council to help identify, greet and direct Msgr. Gilb's family to the head tables. Mac Chapman volunteered to help with that. Women's Council will help guide people to the food and find seats. Hanan Tanios reported that Bob Rapoza scanned 58 pictures for the slideshow. He needs song suggestions, so please email him or Hanan with your suggestions. In addition to the 9:00 AM Mass, the 10:45 AM will also be live streamed. Msgr. Gilb's guests will be seated in the front two center rows of the church. Anyone from Little Sisters of the Poor should also be seated towards the front of the church as well as near the head table in Barrett Hall. The head table will be the only round table with a white tablecloth.

Feedback on Bulletin Changes

Hanan Tanios reported that the front of the bulletin, the layout, and the colors have changed. She asked for feedback. People felt it was more logical and easier to read with the beige backgrounds versus the gray. They like that the front page changes each week. Gayle Plecha said the number of pages in the bulletin is determined by the number of advertisers.

Dates of the Remaining PC Meetings for 2016-2017

The remaining meetings for 2016-2017 are Wednesday, June 7th and Wednesday, August 2nd. There is no meeting in July. The 2017-2018 year begins in September. That meeting date is to be determined.

Other

None

The regular meeting was concluded at 8:52 PM, followed by the introduction of Pastoral Council candidates, the Executive Session and discernment of the new members.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Acherman