

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting  
April 5, 2017**

**Present:** Msgr. David A. Sork, Hanan Tanios, Beverly Beatty, Marianne Canetti, Mac Chapman, Carl Mossberg, Jeanne Murphy, Bob Rapoza, Gayle Plecha, and Katie Dante as the staff representative

**Absent:** Rick Creed, Frank Lee, Bill Munday, Megan Tilles, Katelyn Parker, Onyi Onyeador

**Guests:** Paul Leo (Seekers), Jeanne Leo (Women's Council), Joe Arroyo, Bob Ralls

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:01 pm and welcomed the guests.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Bob Rapoza.

**Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)**

**Feedback on RE Congress**

Msgr. Sork asked for feedback from those who attended RE Congress. Katie Dante takes the teens every year, but it's getting more difficult to get them to go because they have so many other commitments. This year they shared a bus with St. James. The presenters at Youth Day were great. It's very inspiring and invigorating. Everyone should try it at least one day. It is a wonderful opportunity to see so many Catholics all in one place. The Masses were spectacular. SJF had a wonderful hospitality suite. The exhibit halls were amazing. Nearly every state in the union was represented along with several countries. This congress is the biggest of its kind in the world, and it's right in our own backyard.

**Feedback on Lenten Activities**

Dive-In USS – Paul and Jeanne Leo attended the talk at St. Lawrence about gratitude. It was very good. Cardinal Mahony spoke at SJF about immigration. Dive-in needs to be better promoted since it is a good way for people to get enriched during Lent.

Soup Suppers – Pastoral Council hosted the soup supper on March 17<sup>th</sup>. They had a great time and decorated for St. Patrick's Day. About 40 people attended the supper and really seemed to enjoy themselves.

Stations of the Cross – No Pastoral Council members attended.

Living Stations of the Cross – No Pastoral Council members attended. Katie Dante reported that the Friday night performance was the biggest crowd they had ever seen. The Sunday night performance is usually less. There are always two performances because the kids work so hard at putting the production together. The parents were a big help. This year they had Jesus shrouded in a cloth and walk to the front of the church and then into the adoration chapel, which is where the living Jesus is. Many people seemed to get the symbolism.

Parish Mission – Mike Patin was an excellent choice for a speaker. He grabbed everyone’s attention from beginning to end. He was funny, entertaining and engaging. Some of the youth really seemed to listen to him. He is a dynamic person, and it was a wonderful event. Katie Dante asked all of the Year 1 Confirmation candidates to pick one of the nights to attend instead of having their regular class. Many of the candidates attended with their parents, and some even came back for a second night. The food was fabulous.

Lenten concert – Several Pastoral Council members attended the concert. It was beautiful – “like being in heaven.” The organ really added to the concert, and the choir was wonderful. A few people in attendance complained that there was nothing mentioned about the choir in the bulletin article. Maybe more people would have attended if the choir had been mentioned. Gayle Plecha said that each department is responsible for submitting bulletin articles for their events, and that article was what the music department submitted. At the last meeting Pastoral Council had offered to provide hospitality at the reception after the concert; however, there was no reception.

### **Penance Service**

The Lenten penance service is Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. There will be 16 priests to hear confessions.

### **Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule**

Liturgy of the Hours is on Holy Thursday at 8:00 AM. Mass of the Lord’s Supper is on Holy Thursday at 7:30 PM. Good Friday services with proclamation of the Passion and Holy Communion are at 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM. New members of the church will be baptized at the Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM on Saturday. Fr. Kalu will do the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday and carrying of the candle at the Easter Vigil since Fr. Francis is recovering from knee surgery. Msgr. Sork asked Katie Dante to talk to Fr. Francis about finding people for the foot washing since this is his first Holy Thursday at St. John Fisher.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Msgr. Gilb’s ordination will be celebrated on May 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10:45 AM Mass. There will be sandwiches, salads, cakes, cookies, lemonade and coffee in Barrett Hall. Gayle Plecha asked for suggestions for a program. Suggestions included have those who were baptized, received their first Communion or were married by Msgr. Gilb speak at the reception; have the choir perform a song or tribute to him; share milestones that occurred while he was pastor; picture boards displayed in the hall; put an article in the bulletin asking parishioners to submit memories/stories. Pastoral Council will act as hosts and wear their badges. Volunteers are needed to put together a program and help with decorations. Bob Rapoza offered to put together a slideshow if people will send him pictures. Gayle will put him in touch with Kit Ruona, who may have access to photos. Women’s Council also has photo albums from various years, and they have also been asked to assist with the event. In his most recent letter Msgr. Sork invited parishioners to attend, and he will find out who Msgr. Gilb would like to invite.

### **V Encuentro**

Msgr. Sork passed out a letter written by Archbishop Gomez. He asked everyone to read it and give their thoughts. The objective is not very clear, and more details are needed. Msgr. Sork asked Hanan to email Ernesto Vega, Archdiocesan Chair to get more information. The Executive Council will also discuss the letter at their meeting next week.

Jeanne Murphy thanked those who gave pulpit announcements and passed out information at the Masses regarding the upcoming Pastoral Council elections.

## **Chair/Vice-Chair**

### **Approval of March Minutes**

Hanan Tanios asked for corrections to the March minutes. Hearing none, Jeanne Murphy moved to approve the March minutes as presented. Carl Mossberg seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **New Parishioners Lunch**

Members felt that it was a very nice event, it would have been better if more new parishioners had attended. However, those who were there really seemed to appreciate it. The intimacy of having a handful of people was good for interacting. A suggestion was made to send an actual invitation rather than a letter next time and possibly follow it up with a phone call. If the parish office has email addresses for the new parishioners, an E-vite could be emailed to them. This also provides a way for tracking RSVPs.

### **PC Sponsored Soup Supper**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

### **Sanctus Retreat**

Beverly Beatty reported that 14 people have signed up for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Sanctus Retreat. There have been three witness talks, and it was on the back of the April 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin. There will be more pulpit talks on Palm Sunday. Council members were asked to help spread the word. All Pastoral Council members are invited to attend.

### **PV Street Fair**

Mac Chapman reported that he sent in the application, and SJF will again have a booth at the PV Street Fair on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The PVP Chamber of Commerce is reorganizing the layout due to the construction at the mall, but should still put SJF's booth near where it was last year. Keith Kamholz will lend his canopy and agreed to help set it up. Bob Rapoza also volunteered to help with the set up, which begins at 6:30 AM. This year the focus will be on SJF School enrollment and transitional Kindergarten. Mac Chapman will talk with the school to get school parents to volunteer at the booth. The patriotic music concert on June 24<sup>th</sup> will also be promoted. Mac Chapman requested that PC members email him if they can help. Carl Mossberg volunteered to help.

### **Discernment of New Members**

Discernment of new Pastoral Council members will take place after the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastoral Council meeting.

Parish Leadership Network of Los Angeles Day is May 16<sup>th</sup>. Hanan Tanios requested that PC members email him if they can attend. The parish will pay for the registrations.

**Other**

None.

The meeting was concluded at 8:30 PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Acherman