

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting  
June 5, 2019**

**Present:** Msgr. David A. Sork, Beverly Beatty (chair), Bill Munday (vice chair), Joe Arroyo, Dana Hargrave, Steve Izuno, Carl Mossberg, Chris Ratliff, Bill Smith, Kelly Tramontin, Dave Williams, Roya Adli (youth rep.), Gayle Plecha and Grant Hungerford as the staff representative.

**Absent:** Megan Tilles

**Guests:** Sheila Bloodgood

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:04 pm and welcomed the guest and the staff representative.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Steve Izuno.

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

Msgr. Sork read a memo he received from the L.A. Archdiocese this afternoon regarding Senate Bill 360 (SB360). The amended SB360 would remove protections of confidentiality during confessions when someone admits to sexually abusing a child. Msgr. Sork stated the Seal of Confession is sacred. Priests can be excommunicated if they reveal what is said during confession. He feels SB360 would be counterproductive because it would eliminate a priest's ability to work with the confessor to get them help or turn themselves in. The CCC letter to Assembly members in opposition of SB 360 from Archbishop Gomez will be read at all the Masses on June 15 and 16. Copies of the opposition letter will be placed in the pews for parishioners to sign in order to protect the Sacrament of Confession. Gayle Plecha asked for Pastoral Council's help with collecting the letters on that weekend.

**Feedback**

- **South Bay Catholic-Jewish Women's Dialogue**  
Beverly Beatty said it was a nice morning. A rabbi and a sister spoke in the beginning and answered questions. After lunch they broke into several groups for the dialogue portion.
- **Anointing of the Sick**  
Msgr. Sork said about 45 people participated, which is a good turnout. This occurs twice a year for parishioners.
- **Volunteer Thank You Lunch**  
Carl Mossberg and Bill Smith provided very complimentary remarks regarding Misty Jesse's organizing efforts, the event in general, and the food,
- **Msgr. Gilb's Funeral**

Msgr. Sork said SJF did an excellent job putting together the funeral for Msgr. Gilb so quickly last week. He is very proud of how everyone and everything came together. He feels so blessed to be part of such a wonderful parish. He thanked Dave Bloodgood for handling the livestreaming of the funeral. They've had more hits on it than any other Mass. The Rite of Committal at the columbarium will be announced soon and that the video of the funeral is on the SJF website.

- **New Parishioners' Lunch**

Msgr. Sork said they had a pretty good turnout. There were 75 newly registered parishioners in the past 12 months; about 33 attended. Everyone praised Chris Ratliff's cooking.

- **Grief Support : Helping Parents Grieve**

Misty Jesse conducted the final session in the four-part grief support series. The sessions are offered in the afternoon and again in the evening.

### Upcoming Events

- **Family Promise of the South Bay- June 9-16**

Dave Williams said SJF is hosting two families next week. He described what is involved for both the families and the volunteers during the course of the week. He further mentioned that this ministry is having difficulty recruiting volunteers, particularly for overnight. Msgr. Sork reminded the group that Family Promise was adopted by SJF several years ago through the recommendation of the Pastoral Council. Further discussions will be necessary to address the current volunteer challenges.

- **Penance Service – June 17**

The Penance Service will be at 7:30 PM. Previous Pastoral Council members recommended doing it four times a year: Advent, Lent and June and September.

- **Spirit of America Concert – June 23**

Grant Hungerford distributed flyers for the upcoming concert. He described his various advertising plans and how the concert will be music of all styles and will recognize the various members of the Armed Forces. He encouraged Pastoral Council to attend and asked if they could help pass out programs, collect the freewill offering and host the reception.

### Update on Capital Campaign

Msgr. Sork said the feasibility study has begun and will continue into July. They are interviewing 50 parishioners, and there will be an in-pew survey on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The report will be given on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Committee reviewed the case statement last night and discussed some suggested clarifications to the document. After the study has been completed, they will give a report to the Committee who will then turn it over to the Finance Council.

## **Chair/Vice-Chair**

### **Approval of May Minutes**

Bill Munday asked for corrections to May minutes. Hearing none, Dana Hargrave moved to approve the May minutes as presented. Bill Smith seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **PV Street Fair**

Planning logistics related to the upcoming PV Street Fair were discussed. An appeal was also made for additional Pastoral Council members to volunteer at the booth.

### **Next and Last PC Meeting 2018-2019**

The next and last 2018-2019 Pastoral Council meeting will be on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting of the new Pastoral Council is tentatively set for Saturday September 7.

### **CARA Survey Results and Next Steps**

Dave Williams handed out the executive summary of the survey results. He stated that the 5 year plan subcommittee will start meeting tomorrow night to go over the findings. Msgr. Sork said Pastoral Staff will develop their objectives in the interim based on the old goals. Bill Munday passed around a second handout summarizing some initial survey insights.

### **Other**

- None.

The meeting was concluded at 8:30 PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher. Pastoral Council went into Executive Session.