

St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting October 5, 2016

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Hanan Tanios, Beverly Beatty, Marianne Canetti, Mac Chapman, Frank Lee, Bill Munday, Jeanne Murphy, Bob Rapoza, Megan Tilles, Onyi Onyeador, Katelyn Parker, Gayle Plecha, and Misty Jesse as the staff representative

Absent: Rick Creed, Carl Mossberg

Guests: Jeanne Leo (Women's Council), Paul Leo (Seekers), and Fr. Francis Aguilar

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:02 pm, and welcomed the guests.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Mac Chapman.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

Suggestions for State of the Parish address

Msgr. Sork will be giving his State of the Parish address on Sunday, October 9th at all of the Masses. This will be his 18th address at SJF. He asked for suggestions from Pastoral Council on what he should highlight from the last year (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016). Suggestions included: Fr. Mai leaving, Family Promise of the South Bay, how the Video Ministry has reached beyond the initial plan of livestreaming the Mass for the homebound (it's a good avenue for teens to fulfill a requirement for confirmation class and for parishioners to keep up with SJF while away), an update on the church in Cudahy, PV Street Fair (Hanan will email the statistics to Msgr. Sork), pilgrimages to other churches for the Year of Mercy, launch of the new website, Sanctus in October and April, Matthew Kelly in December, signing the contract for the new organ, new parishioners brunch, the Year of Mercy banner on the outside of the church, other Works of Mercy, more weddings but less baptisms, and the Giving Tree (Frank will email the information to Msgr. Sork).

The Finance Council will give a report on the financial situation of the parish at all Masses on the last weekend in October. Msgr. Sork asked Pastoral Council to listen to it and evaluate it for the November Pastoral Council meeting.

South Bay of Los Angeles chapter of Legatus Act of Mercy

A proposal was made at the September meeting to participate in the collection of socks and undergarments as part of SJF's Works of Mercy. Msgr. Sork shared the proposal with Pastoral Staff, but they felt there were too many other charitable collections happening right now. SJF School said they may want to do it during Lent.

Estate Planning Seminar

The Estate Planning Seminar will be held on Tuesday, October 18th in Barrett Hall with two opportunities to attend: 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Msgr. Sork asked Pastoral Council to encourage people to attend.

Faithful Citizenship Panel

The Faithful Citizenship Panel will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:30 PM. The panel will consist of Msgr. Sork, Pat Hart from Moral Decision Making and John Torelli from Peace and Justice. They will present various sides of the issues of the upcoming election, and the rest of the program will include questions, discussions and dialogue.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of September Minutes

Hanan asked for corrections to the September minutes. Hearing none, Bob Rapoza moved to approve the September minutes as presented. Bill Munday seconded. The minutes were approved.

Parish Activities Evaluation Metrics

Hanan passed out the new Pastoral Plan. Objective No. 6 is about evaluating the success of all parish activities by looking at specific metrics. Bill distributed a handout he created with some ideas and suggestions for how to evaluate the parish activities. He feels there should be subcommittee to work on it. He asked for feedback on the handout. A discussion ensued about which ministries or areas to focus on. It was suggested to start with the items in the Pastoral Plan and use that as a filter. Msgr. Sork asked Pastoral Council to decide which activities will be evaluated, and once that has been decided, a subcommittee will need to be formed to create metrics for the evaluations. Mac agreed to be on the committee. Please let Bill know if you would like to participate on the committee.

Ministry Fair

The Ministry Fair is Sunday, October 9th from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Pastoral Council will need two people at their table for 15 to 20 minutes after each daytime Mass. Misty passed out the table chart. The ministry banners will be present at each table. This is an opportunity to celebrate the ministries and promote events not about recruiting people. This year it will be held in the gym with hospitality in the Plaza room. There will be children's activities with the teens and youth assisting with prizes. Each person will receive a passport, and they can collect stickers from every table they visit. They will get raffle tickets based on the number of stickers they collect. An adult and a child raffle ticket will be drawn after each Mass for gift cards to Starbucks and Baskin Robbins. Hanan passed out the signup sheet to staff the table.

Census Weekends

October 8th & 9th and October 15th & 16th are census weekends. Pastoral Council will need to count all the attendees at all the Masses. About four or five people are needed to count everyone during the homily. This includes the choir and anyone in the quiet room or chapel. You can recruit your own family to help with the counting. EM's and Ushers are also available to help count. Each person will take a section of pews to count. Hanan passed out the sign-up sheet. The first person to sign up at each Mass will be the leader, and that person will email Hanan and Gayle with the final headcount.

Luncheon Series

Monday, October 10th is the first of the three SJF Scholastic Luncheon Series. Terry Barber from Immaculate Heart Radio is the speaker. These speaker series were created to meet the needs of the retired community with an educational and faith formation component to it. Misty plans to evaluate it and decide if the current attendance is enough to keep it going or possibly move it to the evening to get a better turnout.

Parish Leadership Network LA

The seminar will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at Holy Family Church in South Pasadena. The topic is "How to Become a Young Adult Friendly Parish". Margaret and Katie will attend. Please let Gayle know by October 20th if anyone from Pastoral Council would like to participate. The parish will pay the fee and lunch is included. The network is made up of 10 parishes about the same size as SJF.

Next PC Meeting is on November 9th

Msgr. Sork will be leading his pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 23rd through November 3rd, so the next Pastoral Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 9th.

Other

- This past Sunday the parking lot was full, but the church didn't appear to be crowded at all of the Masses. There were several activities happening, but it may also be that hikers are still parking in the SJF lot. There were also cars parked in the areas where they shouldn't be parked.

The meeting was concluded at 8:20 PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Acherman