

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting
March 2, 2016**

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Hanan Tanios, Keith Kamholz, Beverly Beatty, Marianne Canetti, Mac Chapman, Rick Creed, Frank Lee, Bill Munday, Jeanne Murphy, Bob Rapoza, Emily Fechner, Gayle Plecha, and Katie Dante as the staff representative.

Absent: Consuelo Conrad, Katelyn Parker

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

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

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Marianne Canetti.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

Year of Mercy

We are in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Msgr. Sork asked for feedback on the banner in the Narthex and the one on the outside of the church. Gayle Plecha said the City of Rancho Palos Verdes received a complaint about the banner on the outside of the church. SJF should have applied for a special use permit to display a banner larger than 4 by 8 feet. Our banner is 7 by 36 feet. She has now submitted the paperwork for the permit to display the banner through November 2016, and the City sent notices to all the neighbors within a 500-foot radius of the church. The banner has been vandalized almost every day for the last two weeks. It was suggested that a security camera be installed to deter any further vandalism. On a positive note, more people seem to be coming back to the church. People really like the banner in the Narthex. Keith Kamholz would like to use one of the Narthex banners at the PV Street Fair.

Hanan Tanios reported that the pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Church in Long Beach was not well attended. There were many things happening that weekend that may have conflicted with it. The Holy Year Committee said if there is no interest from the parishioners, they will not continue to organize them. Maybe it would be better to organize something after Lent. Msgr. Sork read a letter from Bishop Solis to the members of Deanery 19 inviting them to American Martyrs for 24 hours of prayer on March 4/5.

Hanan asked for suggestions for distributing the Works of Mercy cards to parishioners during Easter. It was decided that the cantor will make an announcement about the cards and then baskets with the cards will be passed around toward the end of Mass, and each parishioner will take a card. Msgr. Sork would like parishioners to keep these cards. It was suggested to challenge people to perform some of the Works of Mercy or announce an upcoming project for them to get involved in. The Committee would like to have a box in the Narthex for people to put a different card in as they accomplish these Works of Mercy. Gayle asked the Committee to draft a very brief announcement to

send to Msgr. Sork. He will try to incorporate it and possibly ask the priests to add it to their homily.

Evaluation of First 2 Weeks of Lenten Activities

The first three Soup Suppers went well. The numbers are up from last year, although R.E. Congress may have an effect on the turnout last Friday when the Knights of Columbus hosted it. On the First Friday of Lent the choir sang the Passion before the Stations of the Cross. There was a good turnout.

Upcoming Lenten Activities

- Music Concert - The choir will perform The Cherubini Requiem, at 3:00 PM in the Church this Sunday, March 6.
- Living Stations – The Confirmation Year 2 candidates are performing the Living Stations in the church on Friday, March 18 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 PM, which is the hour of Divine Mercy. Katie asked Pastoral Council to attend and help spread the word.
- Parish Mission – Jon Leonetti will speak at all the Masses on Palm Sunday to encourage people to come to the Mission talks. His evening talks are March 20, 21, and 22 with supper at 6:00 PM and the presentation at 7:00 PM. The presentations are repeated the following mornings, March 21, 22, and 23 at 9:00 AM.
- Lenten penance service – Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30 PM.

Easter Triduum

The liturgies of the Holy Week begin with the washing of the feet at the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7:30pm. There are liturgies on Good Friday at 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM. The SJF website lists the complete schedule of services and hours of confessions.

RE Congress

Those who attended the Congress really enjoyed it. There was a lot of positive energy, and it's definitely worth one's time.

Formation Session

The Council felt it was very informative, and it was a great way of sharing our faith and getting to know each other better. Msgr. Sork thanked the leadership team for their work in putting it together.

Dive-in University Series South

The series runs from February 22nd – March 10th. At SJF, Daniel Smith-Christopher will be speaking on Monday, March 7th at 7:30 PM, and Fr. James Heft will be speaking at on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 PM. These are two very good speakers, council members were encouraged to attend.

Organ update

Msgr. Sork and the Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese, Father Albert Bahuth

have signed the contract for the organ. SJF gave a 10% deposit so construction can begin. The organ should be installed by Christmas 2016. There may be some disruption in the church when it comes time for the installation and tuning of the organ. Msgr. Sork commended Grant Hungerford for all his work to make the organ a reality. SJF wasn't able to finance it due to the church loan, but Grant still made it happen.

New Youth Ministry Assistant

Katie Dante hired a new Youth Ministry Assistant, but unfortunately she left for personal reasons. Katie plans to hire someone else and asked the Pastoral Council for any recommendations. This person should have an education background and experience working with teens.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of February Minutes

Hanan asked for corrections to the February minutes. On page 3 under Pastoral Council Nominating Committee, correct the first sentence from "...for the last few years" to "for the last year". Rick Creed moved to approve the February minutes as corrected. Jeanne Murphy seconded. The minutes were approved.

Nominating Committee

Jeanne and Gayle have scheduled pulpit talks at all the Masses on March 12 and 13. Jeanne passed out copies of the pulpit talk and a sign-up sheet. She asked Pastoral Council members to sign up to speak at each of the Masses. Whoever speaks at the Mass will also sit at a table outside after Mass to answer any questions and hand out applications. It was suggested to have Katelyn speak to the youth. The information session and potluck for anyone interested in running for a seat on Pastoral Council are on April 6 at 6:00 PM followed by the regular Pastoral Council meeting. The deadline for applications is April 17th. There are five adults and one youth openings. The March 30th meeting was canceled.

Soup Supper (PC Sponsored)

Pastoral Council is hosting the Lenten Soup Supper this Friday, March 4. So far six members have signed up. More people are welcome to help. Please arrive between 4:00 – 4:15 PM to begin preparations. The soup will be served after the 5:15 PM Mass.

School Fundraiser Feedback

The fundraiser was held at a local golf club. It was a wonderful evening and a lot of fun. Gayle doesn't have the final numbers yet, but it was very successful. Thanks to all the parishioners who supported the event.

Filipino Boys Choir

The event has been canceled.

Other

- A parishioner feels the parking lot becomes dangerous when the Sunday Masses run long and people are trying to leave at the same time people are arriving for the next Mass. Could there be more time between Masses?
- The ropes have not been put across the Blessed Mother Chapel for the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday.
 - Gayle will talk to the ushers and Beverly Beatty will speak to the Eucharistic Ministers about making sure that happens.
- The Mass guides are beginning to show some wear and tear. It may be time to replace them with new ones.
- There will be Sanctus Retreats on April 16th and October 15th, 2016.
- Please read the article about the video ministry in the next Impact issue. The topic is technology.
- The PV Street Fair is June 11th and 12th. Please note it is the second weekend in June this year, not the first. The applications are not yet available from the Chamber of Commerce. Council members were asked to save the date on their calendars. Keith will ask for volunteers starting in May.

The meeting was concluded at 8:36PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Acherman