

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting
May 4, 2016**

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Hanan Tanios, Beverly Beatty, Marianne Canetti, Mac Chapman, Consuelo Conrad, Keith Kamholz, Frank Lee, Bill Munday, Jeanne Murphy, Bob Rapoza, Emily Fechner, Katelyn Parker, Gayle Plecha, and Anne-Marie Hudani as the staff representative.

Absent: Rick Creed

Guests: Paul Leo (Seekers), Jeanne Leo (Women's Council), Thelma Standart, Alice Su, Clement Xavier, Camille Fechner, Bill Smith, Chris Ratliff, Onyi Onyeador, Carl Mossberg, Megan Tilles, Pat Hart

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

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Frank Lee.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

New Associate Pastor

Msgr. Sork said everyone should have received his letter regarding the new Associate Pastor. His name is Fr. Francis Aguilar, and he starts at SJF on July 1, 2016. He comes from St. Joseph in Long Beach where he was the administrator pro tem. SJF is planning a thank you reception for Fr. Mai on the last Sunday in June. He has been with SJF for five years.

Year of Mercy

The replacement Year of Mercy banner came down in the windstorm. It has been repaired. The banner will be re-installed outside of the church by this weekend. The new banner matches the colors of the church.

The blue and red Works of Mercy cards and activity will commence June 12. The display will be located in the Narthex. This date was selected by the Liturgy Committee because it coincided with scriptures on Mercy. Instructions in the bulletin and announcements will be made informing parishioners how to use the cards.

Chris Ratliff is leading a pilgrimage to St. Anthony Church in Long Beach. So far 17 people have signed up. The plan is to meet in the SJF parking lot at 2:00 PM and carpool to the church by 2:30 PM. They will pray the rosary and then return to SJF at 4:00 PM so people can go to confession if desired. He is very excited to lead this pilgrimage.

Feedback on the Sanctus Retreat

Several Pastoral Council members attended the retreat and gave their feedback. They enjoyed the spiritual camaraderie and spending a day with people with similar

philosophies. They enjoyed getting to know people at the table and made new friends. It was very uplifting. One of the council members said that Beverly Beatty and Joe Arroyo did a fabulous job as the leaders. Everyone was very open, involved and enjoyed the healthy food. Beverly thanked the Sanctus team and attendees. She said they ran behind a little bit, which interfered with confession, but overall it was a beautiful retreat. There were 25 new people, so the event continues to grow and build new teams. The retreat had a Mercy theme this year to coincide with the Jubilee Year of Mercy. More men attended this retreat than previous retreats.

Feedback on Impact

Msgr. Sork said everyone should have received the Impact magazine. The issue was about technology. People enjoyed reading about the video ministry and learning about other areas in which the church uses technology. One member felt that some people may not have any interest in technology, but it was very well done. The online edition is also very professional. Two people mentioned that they had not received their copy, so Gayle will look into that. The video ministry has made it possible for one parishioner to watch Mass from home while recuperating from surgery, another member to watch while caring for their newborn, and a third member to watch while traveling out of the country.

Transitional Kindergarten

Anne-Marie shared some information about the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program. TK is for children who will be turning four by September 1. She feels this is a good feeder for the kindergarten. The school library was the only available space, and since it is only used by kindergarten, first and second grades on Wednesdays, it was decided to turn it into the TK classroom. This year they relocated the library books to the appropriate classroom libraries and sent some to Our Lady of Victory in Compton (SJF's sister school), Alexandria House and Toberman House. There are currently six or seven kids enrolled in the new TK. They need 15 to move forward. They have a teacher but can't hire her until they have enough students. They also have an existing school parent who would like to be a part-time aide. There are no other TK's in the area. Anne-Marie passed out the TK curriculum brochure. Some members asked how the school enrollment is doing in general. They have a steady stream of students coming in, some local and some new to the area. The classroom sizes range from 13 to 40.

Estate Planning Seminar Hosted by the Archdiocese

The estate planning letter came to the Finance Council, but they felt it was more appropriate for Pastoral Council. Msgr. Sork distributed the letter and asked everyone to read it and give their thoughts. One member felt it was a great idea to be able to share one's blessings with the church long after they are gone. This could be very educational for some people with vast estates who haven't planned for the future yet. It should be conveyed in a very tactful manner. It was recommended to have someone from the group come to the next meeting to give a presentation so members can decide if it's something that would meet the needs of the parishioners. It should be presented in two parts: 1) help with estate planning in general and 2) gifting to the church.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of April Minutes

Hanan asked for corrections to the April minutes. Hearing none, Keith Kamholz moved to approve the April minutes as presented. Consuelo Conrad seconded. The minutes were approved.

New Website Update

The website committee meets once a week. Two weeks ago they met with Pastoral Staff and presented what they have so far. It will be bold, Catholic, exciting and inspirational. They are currently in the process of mapping everything over from the old site to the new one. They are working with a web designer. The launch date is still scheduled for May.

Pilgrimage to Saint Anthony Catholic Church Saturday

As stated earlier in the meeting, the pilgrimage is May 7. So far 17 people have signed up. They plan to meet in the SJF parking lot at 2:00 PM and carpool to the church by 2:30 PM.

New Parishioners Brunch

The brunch was moved from April 24th to June 5th to give the committee more time to prepare. It will be in Barrett Hall after the 10:45 AM Mass. The committee consists of Hanan, Consuelo, Jeanne, Frank and Beverly. Please let Hanan know if you are able to help. There have been approximately 60 new parishioners since September 2015, and they will need to be personally called and invited to the brunch, which is hosted by Pastoral Council and Pastoral Staff. It will either be a catered event or potluck. This is a great way to build a relationship with new parishioners and make them feel welcome.

PV Street Fair: June 11th & 12th

This is an opportunity to reach out to twice-a-year and fallen-away Catholics, as well as others. The plan is to hand out the Works of Mercy cards and promote the Honor America concert, which is Sunday June 26th. Keith passed out a sign-up sheet and asked everyone to sign up for a two-hour shift. They would also like to display the Transitional Kindergarten banner in the hopes of attracting potential students. Keith will be turning over the event to Mac next year.

Other

- The announcements about staying until the end of Mass appear to be effective at the 12:30 PM and 9:00 AM Masses.
- May 22nd will be the inauguration of the new Italian Catholic Federation at the 12:30 PM Mass with a luncheon afterwards. The lunch is free for members and \$15 for nonmembers. There was a request for a suggestion box in the Narthex for parishioners. The suggestions could be collected weekly and brought to the parish office and then to the attention of Msgr. Sork.

Introduction of PC Candidates

There are 14 members of Pastoral Council, which includes 12 adults, one youth and one youth alternate. Two adult members and the youth member are terming out in June.

The eight candidates who were present introduced themselves and gave a brief presentation about their background and experience. Msgr. Sork thanked the candidates for their willingness to be part of the Council and explained the discernment process.

The Pastoral Council went into Executive Session at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Acherman