

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting  
June 1, 2016**

**Present:** Msgr. David A. Sork, Hanan Tanios, Beverly Beatty, Marianne Canetti, Mac Chapman, Consuelo Conrad, Rick Creed, Keith Kamholz, Frank Lee, Jeanne Murphy, Bob Rapoza, Gayle Plecha, and Margaret Johnson as the staff representative.

**Absent:** Bill Munday, Emily Fechner, Katelyn Parker

**Guests:** Paul Leo (Seekers), Jeanne Leo (Women's Council), Kimberly Jetton (Archdiocese of L.A.)

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 Beverly Beatty.

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

**Estate Planning Seminar hosted by the Archdiocese**

At the May Pastoral Council meeting it was suggested to have a representative from the Archdiocese give a presentation to the council members on the estate planning seminar. Kimberly Jetton, Director of the Planned Giving Office for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, was invited to give a ten-minute presentation. She passed out Planned Giving packets that are distributed to attendees at the seminars. These seminars have been very successful in other parishes. So far they have visited 67 out of 100 parishes to conduct the seminars. On average they have about 60 families attend each seminar. They usually conduct one seminar in the morning/afternoon and one in the evening. The seminars are about 90 minutes long with questions and answers. A team of CPA's, financial advisors, lawyers, and estate planners will be in attendance and offer a free consultation to anyone who attends the seminar. Parishioners are not obligated to use them. The Archdiocese will provide a six-week marketing packet with pre-written bulletin and pulpit announcements and a timeline to help promote the seminar. The Council felt that the parishioners would benefit from this seminar. The seminars are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Msgr. Sork and Gayle will check the parish schedule for available dates and contact Kimberly to coordinate a date.

**Year of Mercy**

The repaired Mercy banner is back up on the outside of the church. Due to the size of the banner, the City required the color to be altered.

The pilgrimage to St. Anthony in Long Beach was well-attended. People felt it was a beautiful experience. Another pilgrimage is scheduled for American Martyrs in Manhattan Beach on June 18. Parishioners will meet in the SJF parking lot at 2:00 PM and return in time for 4:00 PM reconciliation.

The Liturgy committee recommended June 11 and 12 for launching the Works of Mercy

display in the Narthex. There are two clear displays that look like ballot boxes. One will have corporal works of mercy cards and the other will have spiritual works of mercy cards. Parishioners will be encouraged to take a card, perform one or more of the acts, check off what they've accomplished, and return the card to the box. The goal is to see the box fill up with cards from all the works of mercy performed.

The next IMPACT issue will be on the theme of Mercy.

There will be a "goodbye" gathering for Fr. Mai on June 26 in Barrett Hall after the 12:30 PM Mass. Katie Dante will chair the event. Pastoral Council was encouraged to participate. Council members commented on how much they appreciate that Fr. Mai stands outside the Church after each Mass to greet the parishioners.

### **Chair/Vice-Chair**

#### **Approval of May Minutes**

Hanan Tanios asked for corrections to the May minutes. Page 1, paragraph 2 under Year of Mercy, add a period after the word "Mercy" and remove the comma after the word "Instructions". Page 2, remove the red tracker at the top right side of the page. Mac Chapman moved to approve the May minutes as amended. Bob Rapoza seconded. The minutes were approved.

#### **New Website Update**

Keith Kamholz said the new website is ready for beta testing. It is not 100% yet, but Pastoral Council and a few other people will receive a link to test it out. He will need feedback by Sunday at 5:00 PM. Please note anything that doesn't work or that you don't like. The Communications Committee will meet next week to go over the comments. All the content from the old site matches the new website except the calendar, which will need to be recreated from scratch. They are trying to get everything on one page so no scrolling will be necessary. It should be easier to make updates with the new site.

#### **New Parishioners Brunch**

The brunch is Sunday, June 5 after the 10:45 AM Mass in Barrett Hall. The Committee called all the new parishioners. Hanan asked everyone to arrive by 11:30 AM and to wear their Pastoral Council name badges.

#### **PV Street Fair: June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

Keith Kamholz and Mac Chapman are working on getting the banners and material ready for the street fair. There are still time slots available for volunteering. This is a great way to perform corporal and spiritual acts of Mercy. Keith passed out the sign-up sheet for the remaining empty spots. The Italian Catholic Federation had said they wanted to help. Keith will contact them.

#### **Suggestion Box**

During the “*Other*” portion of the May meeting, a suggestion was made to put a suggestion box in the Narthex. A discussion ensued about where to put it, how long to have it, to whom the suggestions would be forwarded, and whether to have a “suggestion” link available on the website as well. If so, there should be an option for submitters to remain anonymous or give contact information if a response is requested. The Council agreed to move forward with link on the new website for submitting suggestions.

### **Next PC Meeting Date**

The July and August Pastoral Council meetings are combined into one meeting date. The Council decided the next meeting will be held on July 20.

### **Other**

- A suggestion was made to have a sign at the bottom of the driveway to deter hikers from parking in the SJF lot. A discussion ensued regarding the wording for the sign. Msgr. Sork said it will be discussed at the next Pastoral Staff meeting.

The meeting was concluded at 8:47 PM, and the Council went into Executive session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Acherman