

## **St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting September 15, 2018**

**Present:** Msgr. David A. Sork, Beverly Beatty (chair), Bill Munday (vice-chair), Joe Arroyo, Dana Hargrave, Steve Izuno, Carl Mossberg, Bill Smith, Megan Tilles, Dave Williams, and Roya Adli (youth rep).

**Absent:** Gayle Plecha, Chris Ratliff, and Kelly Tramontin

**Guests:** Mac Chapman

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 1:51 pm and welcomed the guests.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Beverly Beatty during the orientation part of the meeting.

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

#### **Feedback on Msgr. Sork's talk at the Masses on 8/18-8/19**

Msgr. Sork asked for feedback on his talks at all the Masses on the recent crisis in the Church. At the Executive Session in August the Council members urged him to speak at all the Masses. They also recommended that he keep communicating with the parish. When he received the letter from Archbishop Gomez, with the document summarizing how the Archdiocese had been dealing with the clergy misconduct over the past 30 years, Msgr. Sork felt that it was information that people needed to know. Msgr. Sork sent out the information to school and religious education families through School Speak and had it inserted into the parish bulletin September 9<sup>th</sup>. He also addressed it in his September parish letter, which is sent electronically to families who use Faith Direct and via regular mail to those that receive coupons. Beverly Beatty, Bill Munday and Pastoral Staff helped him compose the letter and gave good input. Dana Hargrave said she is very grateful that Msgr. Sork took the initiative to speak to the parishioners at all Masses. Megan Tilles said his talk was very passionate. Beverly Beatty shared an email from a parishioner at St. Lawrence Martyr who happened to attend the 5:00 PM Mass that Saturday. She felt Msgr. Sork gave a very intelligent and heartfelt message. It has renewed her confidence in the church and respect for the clergy. Msgr. Sork said this type of talk is difficult to do. People seem to be grateful that it is being talked about.

Msgr. Sork also discussed the letter from Archbishop Vigano asking for the resignation of the Pope. Some bishops are trying to make this scandal a gay issue; however, it has more to do with proximity and power than homosexuality. Archbishop Vigano had pledged loyalty to the Pope but is now trying to undermine him. Msgr. Sork hopes that there is an independent board to investigate former Cardinal McCarrick's alleged misconduct. Msgr. Sork said as things come up, he will talk about it and continue to follow the recommendations of Pastoral Council.

#### **Our Objectives for 2018-2019**

- 1. We will develop new goals or refine existing goals for the 5-year Pastoral Plan.*
- 2. We will prepare for the archdiocese's capital campaign.*
- 3. We will develop ways for the Pastoral Council to provide direct assistance, when requested, to the youth and teen religious education programs.*

4. *We will identify disillusioned/lapsed/alienated Catholic constituencies and develop ways to encourage them to come back to the Church.*
5. *We will determine and record throughout the year what the parish has accomplished that we want to make known to the Palos Verdes Peninsula community (for example, to publicize at the PV Street Fair).*

There was considerable discussion about the Objectives for 2018-2019 and the objectives were approved unanimously.

### **Penance Service – September 17**

The fall Penance service will be Monday, September 17 at 7:30 PM. Fr. Kalu will preside, and there will be 8 priests to hear confessions. Several years ago Msgr. Sork had told Pastoral Council that people should go to confession at least once every three months. They suggested he add the June and September penance services so that there would be four opportunities every year.

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

### **Approval of August Minutes**

Beverly Beatty asked for corrections to the August minutes. Hearing none, Carl Mossberg moved to approve the August minutes as presented. Megan Tilles seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **Master Schedule 2018-2019**

Beverly Beatty asked everyone to look at their white Pastoral Council binders. The first document contains the schedule for Pastoral Council for the year, the First 15, the Formation Sessions, and the roster. If you are unable to attend the meeting when you're assigned to lead the First 15, please find someone to take your place. Msgr. Sork said at all the parish meetings they give the first 15 minutes to the Lord by reading the upcoming reading and reflecting on it. Feel free to add new handouts and information to the binder as the year progresses.

Beverly Beatty passed out the Campaign 21 document from Gayle Plecha and said to be prepared to discuss it at the October meeting. Msgr. Sork asked Pastoral Council to read through it and do some discerning. All of the phases of Campaign 21 were not completed due to fiscal limitations. Phase 2 includes an administration building, a preschool, and a bookstore/religious store. These are all described in the handout. They need to prepare a case statement for the capital campaign in the spring. This will be an ongoing process.

### **Other**

- Carl Mossberg said the Fall Kick Off last Sunday went very well. He walked around and met all the groups that were in attendance.
- Dana Hargrave suggested using electronic media such as Next Door to spread the word about upcoming events in the hopes of getting a better turnout. School Speak could be used to share the information with the families. The Communication Committee can discuss some ideas.

The meeting was concluded at 2:59 PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Acherman