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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes Jan. 18, 2023

Present: Fr. Andrew Umberg, Kathy Rothschild (Business Manager), Jerry Yox, Joe Arnold, Joy Niehaus, Matt Jung, Ashley Evans, Ken Radziwon, Joanne Hauser, Jon Tobin, Colleen Wietmarschen, Charlie McDonald (Secretary)

Absent:

Guests:

Opening: The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by council chair Jerry Yox, with Fr. Umberg saying the opening prayer. Matt Jung introduced himself to the new members.

Approval of 8/15/22, 9/21/22 and 10/19/22 Council Minutes:

Joe A made a motion to approve the minutes. Ken R seconded and they were approved.

Liturgy Changes:

Fr. Umberg said he discussed the following Liturgy changes at the last Worship Commission meeting:

- The largest change will affect the way we do the offertory collection and presentation of the gifts at St. Bart's. Archbishop Schnurr has requested that the prayer for vocations be recited at all Masses in the Archdiocese so this will be added. Those bringing up the gifts will proceed to the back of church and stand during the petitions and vocation prayer, then bring up the gifts. As the gifts are being brought up, the ushers will start the collections at opposite ends of the church, working towards the middle. At the end of the collection, one of the ushers will bring up the collection money and place near the altar.
- Another change concerns distribution of communion to the sick and homebound. For weekdays, the new policy will be for the person receiving the host to present the pyx open when they walk up in the communion line and signal how many hosts are required. The host(s) will then be placed in the pyx, which will then be closed and placed in a pocket or purse before receiving communion. For weekend Masses, the new policy will be for those who have a pyx to first receive communion like normal, then return to their pew. After communion is distributed to all but the choir, and the priest or deacon begins to collate the hosts, those with a pyx come forward to the altar steps. The Priest or Deacon will then come down and place one or more hosts in the pyxes depending on how many are needed, as signaled by the pyx holder. As the Priest or Deacon turns to go back up to the altar, all pyx holders will return to their pews. If someone has a need to get more than 8 hosts (for a nursing home for instance), it will be necessary to see the Priest or Deacon after mass. The hosts always need to be handled with a great amount of reverence.
- All vessels must be purified by the Priest, Deacon or acolyte prior to the end of Mass.
- St Clare Parish will be discontinuing their 5 pm Sat Mass and keep their two 2 Sunday masses, effective the first Sunday of Lent.

Lenten Souper Wednesdays:

- Fr. Umberg said beginning on March 1st and continuing for the next 4 Wednesdays in Lent, there will be a 5:30 pm Mass at St. Barts, followed by a soup dinner in the Disciples/Fr. Flannigan Rooms in the Krumpke Center. All are invited. For the first 3 Wednesdays, Fr. Umberg will give a Bible talk starting at 7 pm. On the last two Wednesdays, there will be Stations of the Cross, Rosary, or both.
- During Lent, St. Vivian will have a noon Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- There will be a Confession-a-Thon at St Bart's this year - "subsequently Fr Umberg decided to change the location to Assumption".

Christmas Crib Display

- Fr Umberg said he and helpers built a relatively elaborate Christmas display (simulating the glory of the Lord) at his previous parish and he would like to make something similar for St. Barts, using some or all of the items from the previous display. It would be mounted in the back left corner of the church (on the choir side) and 1 or 2 pews would need to be removed. There will be a large blue curtain on the wall representing the Bethlehem sky with stars, along with a "window to heaven" with angels. In front of this will be a simulated field with landscaping and toy figures dressed as shepherds and sheep facing the window to heaven along with a projector for some special effects and a 19-minute sound track. One of the purposes of the display is to depict the glory of the Lord and heavenly hosts for the school kids.

Beacons Update:

- Forms will be distributed soon so parishioners from all six parishes can suggest names for our family of parishes.

Pastor's Update-Father Umberg:

- Since there are 6 different Pastoral Councils in our family of parishes, Fr. Umberg would like to have only 5-6 council meetings per year/per parish. For St. Barts, it was decided to have meetings in Jan, Mar, May, Aug, Oct and maybe Dec.
- Fr. Umberg would like to have a get-together of council members from all 6 parishes, probably sometime in the spring. He also wants to eventually have all council members take tours of each of the family parishes to get better acquainted with the physical assets of each parish.

Next meeting: 4/19/23 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Fr. Umberg.

Respectfully submitted by Charlie McDonald.