

## ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

April 26, 2016

### Minutes

**Present:** Fr. Mike Ahlstrom, Sheila Hebein, Kevin Axe, Damian Barta, Theresa Buckman-Gilbert, Jose Moreno, Betsy Quinn, Debra Evans, Cynthia Judge, Dan Vicencio

**Absent:** Derrick Blakely

**Guest:** Fr. Joseph Tito

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

**Opening Prayer** – was offered by Jose Moreno

**Minutes** – The minutes of the February 23, 2016 minutes were reviewed and approved. The motion to accept was made by Betsy Q and seconded by Damian B.

**Introductions** – PPC members introduced themselves and described their involvement in the St. Nicholas community and welcomed Fr. Joseph Tito who will become pastor of St. Nick's on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Fr. Tito shared part of his journey with us as he prepares to leave Holy Innocents and St. St. Aloysius.

**PARISH UPDATES** – Fr. Mike reported that the Parish will participate in "To Teach Who Christ Is," the Diocesan Capital Campaign this year. The Campaign consultant from the Archdiocese will be assisting with the start-up. The Campaign is likely to start after July 1, 2016. The Parish will be informed within the next few weeks. The St. Nicholas Capital Campaign will continue because it was a 5-year campaign ending in October, 2017.

Fr. Mike gave a report on the Liturgy Council's review of the Holy Week services.

### **Parish Transformation:**

#### **Final Recommendations from the Mass Time Group:**

#### **Spanish Mass**

*Recommendation based on counts, feedback from pilot, estimate of financial impact*

- *Add a second Mass in Spanish to the St. Nick's Mass schedule as soon as possible; the Mass would be in the chapel and, for now, would be at 9:00 (a change in time could be considered later in the context of the parish Mass schedule)*
- *If approved, Fr. Mike would consult with Fr. Tito immediately and will share concerns as well as positive results of the pilot.*

Sheila H. and Jose M. gave a report on the 9:00 AM Spanish Pilot Mass Program. The attendance report was reviewed. The results of the feedback session with the participants of the 9:00 AM Spanish Mass were reported by Jose M. The "challenges" of finding ministers, parking congestion, and other barriers were found to be less pronounced than anticipated. The Report of the committee was reviewed and comments from the PPC were considered. Resources for another service were also reviewed and discussed. The recommendation for a second Spanish Mass was made by Damian B and seconded by Betsy Q. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mass Time group also made a recommendation regarding our Christmas Masses. The PPC discussed this recommendation as well as the attendance at each of the Masses. The motion to accept the new Christmas Mass schedule was made by Deb E and seconded by Damian B. The motion passed with one "no" vote. Fr. Mike will discuss this recommendation with Parish Staff and the Liturgy Council.

**Staff/PPC Gathering and PPC Retreat:** These decisions were postponed until after July 1<sup>st</sup> and the PPC asked Fr. Mike to return to give the PPC Retreat – he said he would.

**Lutheran-Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation** – Sheila received a letter addressed to the PPC requesting that members of the PPC meet with this committee at our May meeting. Since our May meeting will actually be a joint meeting with the Finance Council and the Pastor Transition group, Sheila agreed to schedule a short PPC meeting prior to the big meeting so that a small number of PPC members could meet with this group. This early meeting will be held in the Rectory Dining Room at 6:30 on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Nilce Landau is the chair of the St Nicholas Committee.

The joint PPC/Finance Council and Pastor Transition meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> will be held at 7 pm in Oldershaw Hall.

**Fr. Mike's Celebration** – will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 – starting at the 4:30 Mass.

**Installation of our New Pastor** – Fr. Tito will be installed as pastor of St. Nicholas Parish on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the 4:30 Mass followed by a reception

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Fr. Mike offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.