

## ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

October 25, 2016

### Minutes

**Present:** Kevin Axe, Deb Evans, Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Jose Moreno, Betsy Quinn, Fr. Joe Tito and Dan Vicencio

**Absent:** Damian Barta and Derrick Blakley

**Guests:** Steve Perkins and Carol Michelini representing the Green Team

**Green Team:** Steve Perkins gave a presentation about their activities and goals. He noted that Laudato Si is a holistic document that infuses not only thoughts about the environment and our relationship with nature around us. Steve walked the Parish Pastoral Council through the recommendations from the Green Team about how the Parish can improve their environmental awareness. The PPC reviewed steps that are already in place and those which can be realistically done in the next year or so. The PPC appreciates the work done by the Green Team.

**Opening Prayer:** all those present recited the opening prayer from the Encyclical, Laudato Si.

**Minutes** – The minutes of the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Betsy Q. and seconded by Cynthia J. They were unanimously approved.

**Parish Updates – To Teach Who Christ Is** - Fr. Joe gave an update on the pledges received for the campaign so far. As of October 25, we had approximately \$470,000 in pledges obtained from 70 donors. The next step will be a parish general announcement and then a new pew-pledging announcement. Opportunities for engaging additional parishioners were also discussed.

**Music Director Position Update** – Fr. Joe noted that there were 9 applicants for the position. A few more filters need to be applied.

**Youth Ministry-** Fr. Joe noted that the Holy Fire event was well received. There were a good number of students who attended from St Nicholas and Pope John XXIII. St Nicholas invested in transportation for the event. Fr. Joe noted that finding the connections for students and parents would be a good avenue to engage families with very busy schedules. There was discussion about how the parishes and the local cluster can work together for youth events.

**PPC Issues:** Fr Joe discussed possible events for interaction between the PPC and staff. Perhaps a potluck dinner in January would be good. In terms of the makeup of the council, we could add a representative from the 9 am Mass in Spanish as well as a parent representative from Pope John XXIII School now. Then a gradual shift from

the current PPC members in 2017 would take place.

**Pulpit Announcements** - The PPC discussed pulpit announcements at the end of Mass and the need to shorten and condense them. Dan Vicencio will draft a policy, which will be circulated for comments prior to the next PPC meeting.

**Lutheran Catholic Reformation Activities** - Sheila H. discussed the activities around the celebration of the 500-year anniversary of the reformation. Presentations titled, *Reformation 500 and Beyond* were held in Oldershaw Hall on 3 consecutive Sundays in October. Approximately 40-50 people participated in each of these activities. The discussion with Dr. Martin Marty will be held on Sunday, October 30 at St Paul's Lutheran Church.

**Pope John XXIII School:** Cynthia noted that she took care of placing an advertisement in the school directory for the PPC.

**New Business** - There was no new business.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.