

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

JUNE 26, 2018

PRESENT: Fabiola Alfonso, Nora Bondi, Damian Barta, Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Suzanne Lefevre, Jose Moreno, Michael O'Donovan, Betsy Quinn, Arturo Medina and Father Tito

ABSENT: Yvonne Smith

Opening Prayer – Father Tito, from Pope Francis
Discussion of Church as Field Hospital

Introductions and Welcome to new PPC member – Arturo Medina

Minutes – A motion to approval the May 22, 2018 Minutes was made by Damian and seconded by Nora. They were unanimously approved.

Parish Updates – Fr. Tito

- V Encuentro: Father Tito and James went to the Midwest Regional Meeting; the National meeting will be held in September; prior to the National Meeting, a group at St. Nicholas will meet to discuss issues to be presented, such as immigration and youth in the Church.
- Priests Convocation: This meeting of priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago was held June 18-21st; 4 Generations of Priests attended – Pre-Vatican II; Vatican II, Post Vatican II and Priests ordained in the last 15 years (post 9/11). Discussion of the theme by Bishop McElroy (Bishop of San Diego) – *From Maintenance to Mission*; the world is changing (business, government, Church) – the Church should be trying to not just respond, but to initiate change; Cardinal Cupich wants the priests to be missionary driven.
- Renew My Church: on October 1st and 2nd, there will be a two day meeting - each parish in the Archdiocese will send 5 representatives; New Parishes have already been established – one example: Sacred Heart and St. Philip have merged to become Divine Mercy Parish; before Cardinal Cupich arrived, 70 parishes had closed over the prior 25 years; since he arrived, the Cardinal has looked at the *need* and adjusted the institutions.

- Youth: St. A's is the most Proactive of the other Parishes; St. Mary's is rebuilding their staff; each Parish is supposed to have one or two staff focused on Youth; our Youth will have a One Day Retreat and committed to have it be a day without technology. (A suggestion was made that perhaps the Parish could be invited to join in that effort.) Dulce is gone, and James is seeking a replacement for her.
- Outdoor Mass Feedback: many positive comments were made about this Unity Mass. The Anglo and Hispanic communities enjoyed the chance to worship together and mingle afterward at Lemonade on the Lawn. Despite giving the information during Announcements and through a "Stay in the Loop" email, approximately six people came expecting an 11:00 Mass. Father Tito prayed with them. An idea was presented that perhaps the 11:00 Mass and the 1:00 Mass could combine for a Unity Mass one week. A survey should be done to determine interest.

PPC Reports

- Ministries at St. Nicks: Diane Krier-Morrow has worked on the list to update ministries to be sure they are all functioning. This updated list will be included in the new directory. Sheila brought copies of the list for PPC Members. Discussion ensued as to whether "Non-Profits spawned by St. Nicholas Parishioners" should be included. A vote was taken and while some PPC members thought it was a good idea to list them in the directory, the majority felt that the non-profits should not be listed as this was a directory of St. Nick's Ministries. A suggestion was made that if these non-profits were NOT included, they could be given a free Ad in the new directory.
- Lemonade on the Lawn: Sheila and Damian have been working on finding Ministries to sponsor each Sunday in July and August. Most Sundays are filled. Re-instituting Lemonade on the Lawn is in response to continuing our goal of being a Welcoming Parish, especially to newcomers.
- Serving Families of Young Children – Update – Nora: the information is still not on the St. Nick's website, nor have the six signs been printed. (These are to be displayed in various parts of the campus.) A lot of staff time has been spent on the directory, so perhaps there will now be time to focus on this project. Fr. Tito will look into it.
- Website: Can we use a platform that someone on staff could manage and touch every day, to keep the Website current? The Council

unanimously agreed that this move is necessary and should be put into action very soon.

- **Emergency Preparedness:** Maureen is developing a plan in conjunction with the Police and Fire Department, which will be rolled out to the Parish in the Fall. New locks have already been placed on the Ridge Avenue and West doors, and the balcony is now locked.
- **Virtus Training:** Fabiola and Nora have agreed to become Virtus trainers. The need for such training is always great in the months of August through October. Our Parish especially needs Trainings in Spanish.
- **Rummage Sale:** sign up to volunteer!

No New Business

Closing Prayer – Father Tito

Submitted by Cynthia Judge