

St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council
September 25, 2018

PRESENT: Father Tito, Damian Barta, Nora Bondi, Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Suzanne Lefevre, Arturo Medina, Michael O'Donovan, Betsy Quinn, Yvonne Smith,

ABSENT: Fabiola Alonso, Jose Juan Moreno

Meeting began at 7:15p.m.

Opening Prayer - Father Tito

Minutes

A motion to approve the (amended) August 28th Minutes was made by Betsy, Nora seconded, all unanimously approved.

Parish Updates – Father Tito

- **V Encuentro:** The National Meeting was held from September 20-23 in Texas. Father Tito and James represented St. Nicholas, one of only 25 Parishes from the Chicago area in attendance. 3,000 people attended, including 900 young adults between the ages of 18 to 25. There were spirited, honest discussions. The final priorities, which will be presented in a document, are: immigration reform; more formation for Latinos; more resources are needed for that formation. One goal of V Encuentro is to grow more authoritative leadership from Latinos in the Church. Cardinal Cupich wants to integrate this effort into Renew My Church.
- **Temporary Administrator for St. Ignatius:** There was a new Pastor who left after a brief time and Father Tito has been asked to become the temporary administrator. He cannot help with Masses there, as we need him at St. Nicholas. He will go there once or twice a week.
- **Renew My Church:** Seven representatives from St. Nicholas will attend a two day Archdiocesan-wide meeting, October 1st and 2nd.
- A discussion was held about the ongoing need for prayer and action to be taken at St. Nicholas, in light of the abuse scandal. Father Tito will make an announcement at all Masses on the weekend of September 29th and 30th detailing the upcoming Listening Sessions to be held on October 13/14.
- **Youth:** This Sunday, September 30th is the United Catholic Youth Ministries kick-off event, with Mass at 3:00 p.m. and a Cook-Out at 5:00 p.m..

- **Faith Direct** will begin sign-ups this weekend. The weekend of October 6th and 7th will include a report from the Finance Council during all the Masses.

PPC Reports

- **Listening Sessions** were discussed, further solidifying plans for the sessions. These will be facilitated 30-minute small group discussions allowing parishioners to share reaction to the recent abuse scandal in the Church, and voice ideas of actions that might be taken to move forward. A report will be written and sent to the new Vicariate Bishop as well as Cardinal Cupich.
- **Women in the Diaconate:** The first meeting of the group, formed in 2010 at St. Nicholas, will be held on September 26th at the home of Chris Murphy.
- **Website:** Mark Kearns is communicating with Maureen about the websites of St. Nicholas and Pope John XXIII School.
- **Children's Program Information:** Nora met with Alex, who is in contact with Malachi Cross. Progress is being made to produce banners.
- **Virtus Training:** October 19th and 20th is the Train the Trainer. Nora and Fabiola are to be trained.
- **Book Bags:** We will ask Bill Galush to make another tree for book bags, which will be put at the Ridge Avenue entrance to the Church. Sheila will speak to Bren Murphy about getting more bags and more books.

New Business

- A reminder that Bike the Drive is this weekend, September 29th and 30th.
- October 28th will be the Sunday when children will come in costumes to honor All Saints Day. A notice will be included in the Announcements to let parents know. It will be announced on October 13/14 and October 20/21st.

Closing Prayer – led by Cynthia

Meeting concluded at 8:59 p.m..