**St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council**

**January 25, 2022**

**Zoom Meeting**

**Present:** Father Tom Baldonieri, Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Traci Laffey, Jose Juan Moreno, Yvonne Smith, Rob Sullivan

**Absent:** Graciela Carmona, Suzanne Lefevre, Marco Noria

Meeting began at 7:04 p.m..

**Opening Prayer**: Led by Father Tom

**Presentation on Care for Creation Ministry:**

* Tony Quintanilla and Sara Fieberg gave a presentation on creating a new ministry at St. Nicholas called Care for Creation. The idea is based on the papal encyclical Laudauto Si and would involve creating an action platform for the parish that would enlist participation from everyone – staff, ministry leaders, parishioners including our youth. There was a good discussion, and the PPC recommended waiting until we know what the results of Renew My Church are before moving forward. A decision is needed by Earth Day, April 22nd.

**Approval of November 30, 2021 Minutes:** Yvonne proposed a motion to approve the minutes and Rob seconded. They were unanimously approved.

**Parish Update – Fr. Tom**

* Renew My Church: The announcement will be made on Saturday, January 29th and all are invited to this Zoom event. Bishop Bartosic will lead the meeting, beginning with prayer and then the decree will be read. The decree will then be put on the website and read at all the weekend Masses. Photo copies of the decree will be available in English and Spanish.
* The Priest Placement Board will hold a virtual consultation with the Evanston parishes for PPC’s, Finance Councils, and other parish leadership on Friday, Feb. 4th Prior to that, there will be a meeting with parish staffs. The PPC has been asked to fill out a Questionnaire describing our parish in terms of strengths and challenges and what qualities/skills are needed in a new pastor. Parishioners will also be given the chance to answer a questionnaire. The turn-around time for a response is extremely short and it was determined that this should be stressed when this is announced via the St. Nick’s newsletter. Fr. Tom will take care of this immediately, since the turnaround time for a response is so short.
* Synodality: Information on how to respond to the questions from the Archdiocese will be put in the Bulletin in two weeks.
* Religious Education: The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 29th.
* There was a news story about Pope John XXIII School on Channel 2 News at 4:00 p.m. this week. Marie Saavedra is the new anchor for that newscast and she is a graduate of the School.
* Sheila still needs bios and photos from all new members of the PPC to be added to the website.

**PPC Reports:**

* Update on Parish Website: Rob will post all the Minutes from 2021 once he has full access to our web page. There was a discussion about the necessity for the entire website to be bilingual, as well as the voicemail system.
* The Winter Parish Party will be held virtually on February 19th. Raffle tickets are only $5.00.
* Liturgy Committee: If any members of the Council has input for the Liturgy Committee, please contact Sheila or Cynthia. Mary Miro’s reflection at the 10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 23rd was acknowledged as being excellent and very moving.

**New Business:**

* Welcome Cards were discussed. We need to welcome new parishioners at all Masses and offer them Welcome Cards. A suggestion was made that perhaps Greg Allen could help with that at the 4:30 Mass.

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Father Tom

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:38 p.m..