

**St. Catherine of Siena Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes 11/20/2023**

**Attended by:** Fr. John Omboga, Rosie Fox, Valerie Evans, Ted Skibinski, Mary Crosley, John Bradac, Mary Hutchens, Poppy McLeod, Art DeGaetano

**1. Prayer and Faith Sharing:** Art

**Discussion:** There was discussion about the “Blue Cupboards” around the community where food donations can be left. We wondered if we should be publicizing this need/opportunity more.

Ted announced that Adianna Cardenas has submitted her resignation from the Pastoral Council. Her resignation was accepted with regrets. Ted will send her a thank-you note. Ted will also follow-up with Dotse to get names of other parishioners who had expressed interest last summer in joining the PC. Ted will also pursue a “thank-you certificate” for Dotse, our former Chair.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Approved (Poppy/John)

**3. Actionable Items from Previous Meeting:**

Members continue to hear that parishioners want to get to know Fr. John better. Fr. John was asked if he would circulate before and after Mass in order to further connect with parishioners. Fr. John sees this as part of his role. There has been a very positive response to the printing of sermons in the Bulletin. Two members discussed a small group dinner they organized with Fr. John and reported it was a good format for getting acquainted.

We were reminded by some members to be patient as we go through this transition process and that we continue to be in the early stages.

We discussed next steps for the dinner with Fr. John on Dec. 9. John Bradac will be cooking and needs to know the number of attendees by Dec. 1. We were all asked to invite people to this dinner. An announcement/invitation will be placed in the Bulletin. Ted will host the dinner.

Going forward, we would like to see other gatherings scheduled for the purpose of parishioners and Fr. John getting to know each other. We would like to implement our PC/Ministry liaison diagram and ask each PC liaison to contact their assigned ministry and encourage them to host/organize some kind of gathering for this purpose. At our December meeting, we will update our liaison assignments.

Coordination with the Social/Hospitality Comm. was recommended. Bob Brown will be invited to a future meeting.

We agreed that Social Hours after Masses are helpful and should continue.

#### **4. Fr. John's Update and Comments**

There is a Reconciliation service scheduled for December 9.

There is the hope that the channeling injunction process will be concluded by the end of the year.

#### **5. New Business**

John B. mentioned that a report on the recent Synod has been released. The group agreed that we should discuss the report and put it on a future agenda.

Ted Galanthy has passed along a suggestion that ministry leads/representatives give a brief talk at the end of Mass. The talks would help educate the parish about what the ministries do as well as an opportunity for faith sharing. This could be on a monthly rotation. Mary C. and Ted offered to be involved in this. Additional planning/discussion will occur.

#### **6. Intercessions and Closing Prayer: Art**

#### **7. Meeting Closes**