

## Minutes

### Pastoral Council Meeting – May 6, 2025

Attendees: Nick, Rich, Doug, Tina, Joanna, Armando, Rachel, Steve, and Fr. Antony

1. Doug welcomed Nick Greco, new member of the Pastoral Council. As Alison was absent, the blessing of PC members by Fr Antony was postponed until the June meeting.
2. Opening prayer was offered by Fr. Antony.
3. Updates
  - Strategic Planning updates of Goals & Performance Measures relative to Pastoral Council's focus – PC members revisited most recent Parish Goals document (version dated 3/18/25) to confirm leads and define action steps, timelines.

**Goal Statement: Explore Franciscan charism and how it can further enhance our parish**

**Performance Measures:** (See SFA Parish Goals document 03/18/25)

- 1.1 Over the next three years, create specific study and focus on creation, peace, and human dignity:
  - \* Established a timeline of actions to enhance parish appreciation of the Franciscan charism. In 2025, plan to offer shrine visit, include creation/environment focus in the of Prayers of the Faithful, and provide bulletin insert for a Sunday bulletin in Oct. In 2026, Repeat Prayers of the Faithful focus on Franciscan charism and explore interest in developing a Laudato Si study group. In 2027, offer study group and repeat October focus on creation and Franciscan charism in Prayers of Faithful.
  - \* Each member of PC will create a petition for Prayers of the Faithful at Masses in October that includes a specific focus on creation and environmentalism. These petitions are due at our Sept. PC meeting as they will then be edited and considered for inclusion by those who are assigned to create Prayer of the Faithful petitions for Sunday Masses in October.
  - \* Doug will provide a sample Bulletin Insert from the USCCB site to include as a Sunday bulletin insert in October.
- 1.2 Focus on the Incarnational aspect of Franciscans
  - \* Armando will reach out to local Franciscan Friars whom he knows to schedule a meeting with them to explore their ideas and suggestions. Rachel will also be included in this conversation.

- 2.1 Possible pilgrimage to Franciscan shrines in Ohio
  - \*Steve will explore details re: a visit to the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH. We suggest this site as it is the closest of the three identified shrines in Ohio at approx. 90 minutes from Columbus. We also suggested this be scheduled on a Saturday to enable more participation.
  - \* Rich will explore transportation options, e.g. van or bus costs, etc.

**Goal Statement: Increase evangelization and outreach to community**

**Performance Measures:**

- 2.2 Develop and drop off fliers in the Short North/Victorian Village/Harrison West neighborhoods to inform about SFA. –
    - \*Armando created a flier and PC has approved it. Doug and Tina will share this with Leadership Team.
  - 2.3 Encourage unregistered parishioners to register by having a registration drive. – PC suggests this be done in conjunction with Commitment Sunday (in October?) and enlist Stewardship Committee in this project.
4. Proposed 2025 Retreat – Fr. Antony forwarded to PC members a description of a proposed retreat to occur August 23, 2025. Marti Damm and Debora Lipitz would like to present on the theme of “Apparitions of Our Lady and Their Relevance in Our Lives Today.” This free event would be held in our Parish Hall from 9am – 3pm, include a light lunch and conclude with the rosary. PC members are supportive of this retreat.
  5. Announcements - None
  6. Next PC meeting – Tuesday, June 3, 2025
  7. Closing Prayer – Doug offered a closing prayer for the work of the Conclave and a prayer for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis.