

**Blessed Sacrament ▪ Saint Boniface ▪ Saint Mary's  
The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
Zoom or in person at Parish Office (BS Rectory)  
May 23, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Prayer: Karin Gaffney-Christensen
2. Approval of Minutes for April Meeting
3. Check in with members – Quick sharing as well as anything heard from parishioners to report.
4. Chair Updates
  - a) Discernment night completed
    - i) St. Mary's- Mario Montalbo
    - ii) St. Boniface- Ed Schmitt
    - iii) Blessed Sacrament- Kathleen Whelehan
  - b) Planning for June Meeting
  - c) Passing on Facilities Report binders to new members
5. Pastor Updates
  - a) Census Committee - on hold
  - b) Emerging from COVID:
  - c) Diocesan bankruptcy/ Lawsuit update
  - d) Assignments – Parochial Vicars
6. Ministries Task Force
  - a) Discussion of staff reports returned so far – Anything missing/incomplete in individual reports?
  - b) How do you think we should promote parishioner engagement in ministries?
  - c) How should we engage our Rochester community?
- 7) Minimum Needs Analysis (Julie Miller)
  - a) Updates
  - b) How do we move forward with engaging our parish with the concepts we have been contemplating?
    - i) Our parish in 3 words- PPC said: welcoming, community, social justice/service
    - ii) "Five items in the lifeboat"- PPC said: Eucharist, Music Ministry, life long spirituality/ faith formation, social justice, community and social.

iii) What people miss the most (Fall 2021)- PPC said: social contacts such as coffee hour, informal gatherings around Mass, picnics/ dinners.

iv) What would people miss the most about “their” Church building- PPC said:

-various things from glass windows, altars, architecture, crosses, organs

-recurring intangible themes: memories, tradition, people, community, and the history

c)Next Steps?

i) Parish wide survey?

ii) Other?

8. Facilities Taskforce- (not being discussed other than Thought Starter)

In the past year we have made considerable progress with the Facilities Task Force. Progress has been much slower in the past few months. Here is an update of what has happened since the April meeting:

a) Mark Ocwiega has completed his walk through at St. Boniface (4/21) and will be moving on to St. Mary's to put figures on the cost to make the repairs noted during the volunteer walk-throughs. The St. Boniface report is not yet available.

b) Conifer- completed the walk through at the St. Boniface campus on 5/5. All of the buildings would best be repurposed as housing. There were remarkable features such as wood and windows that were of interest. Conifer would not be able to do a new project for 2-5 years, so they recommend we consult other companies. They also recommend obtaining real estate valuations of the properties. There has not been a walk through scheduled for St. Mary's.

c) We are in communication with Pathstone to look at alternative uses for buildings on all three campuses. A preliminary meeting will take place in early June to convey the “broad elements” to Pathstone before they will come on site. TBD

d) Roger Brandt with the Cornerstone Group has been suggested as a contact. This needs to be followed up on.

e)Next steps involve a review of the St. Mary's campus, then move on to the Churches at all three sites.

f)Executive Summaries are a work in progress. (on hold at the moment)

**Thought Starter: What other elements/reports/information are required as we examine our facilities?**

9. Closing Prayer: Karin Gaffney-Christensen

**Next Meeting: June 27, 2022 (prayers Dick Kilmartin)**