

Parish Council Meeting
August 20, 2019

Present: M Rucker, J. Cardoza, R Burke, L Short, J Newtown, W Tyo, D McGrath, M. Loomis, K. Tiernan, M Donders, R Miller, J Miller, Young, M Miller, M Scott

Opening Prayer.

Msgr. Aucoin indicated that meetings will last 1 hour.

6:30 is deemed a good time to start parish council meetings

Monsignor will check for a standard day of the month to have joint parish council meetings

He will email parish council members with a suggested day to see if it will work for everyone or most.

Parish business:

Financial reports

Msgr. Aucoin distributed (diocesan and detail) financial reports of both parishes

Note that the Madrid budget shows a negative balance. Money was transferred and the report not yet reflect that. Madrid is not in the red.

Msgr. Aucoin distributed the spiritual report. Numbers of attendance do not seem to be exact.

Parish website

Note that there are two emails to use. Use either one. Both go to Msgr. Aucoin.

Also the phone number will transfer to his cell phone after a certain number of rings. He prefers to answer the phone rather than play telephone tag.

Adult Faith Formation: *Letter to a Suffering Church*

In the news clergy sex abuse. It is a sad topic all the way around.

A discussion followed regarding the change in statute of limitations. Originally, legislators wanted to apply it only to the Church which the church fought. Now there is a one-year window where does statute of limitations does not apply. This will bring the whole issue back to the forefront again. Please note that all the claims are old claims. All have been taken care of.

Bishop Barron wrote *Letter to a Suffering Church* in response to the situation. Msgr. Aucoin has ordered copies for both parishes. Once they arrive, we will have two sessions to discuss what is

in the book. This will also allow people to share their frustrations, feelings, etc. All of us, priests and laity, are hurting. The book encourages people to fight for the church and will also will help to open up discussion of this topic.

A note about father Jack. He was named in a lawsuit. This situation was investigated both by law enforcement, private investigator as well as the Church and deemed not credible.

One of the problems is the way things are presented in the media it seems that these are new cases. The media neglect to point out that these are old cases and also, from a financial point of view, that settlements are covered by insurance.

Parish priorities

Adult Faith formation. Past programs Catholicism program about the passion etc. AnneMarie Young mentioned that she has two programs that father Doug ordered. She will bring them into show Msgr. Aucoin.

Marika mentioned the Alpha Program at Massena

Reaching out to youth/ Keeping youth involved.

Reaching out to young adults

Current faith formation family program:

- +Not well attended
- +Before Sunday mass in Waddington
- +After Sunday mass in Madrid

Msgr. Aucoin was warned not to use the word census. However, he is changing the computer program/parish data.

Census cards have not been put in enter will need volunteers to input.

Once census cards are input enter Msgr. Aucoin will write those in the census asking people to correct any incorrect information.

Some info is confidential. RHA will input those cards himself.

Website

We looked at various pieces and pages

- +Parish calendar will show anything that is public. It is possible to subscribe to the Google calendar.
- +Parish bulletins new cover

- +brief discussion about phone numbers and changes in service which will reduce the cost of phone lines in Madrid. The parish phone number stays the same.
- +Bishop Barron's videos
- +News not much there yet
- +Register: it is now possible to register online. One person has already used it.
- +Liturgy will have links to Bishop Barron's homilies as well as homilies recorded on the weekend in our parishes (both as audio file and written text)
- +Faith section is still empty
- +Amazing parish. Great videos to help a see what can be done. Homework for parish council is to spend some time looking at videos on the amazing parish website.

Council meeting concluded after 65 minutes.