

Notes – Parish Pastoral Council, March 3, 2025

Present: Fr. Phi, Fr. Arthur, Annette Fox, Ronabel Castillo, Art Blumberg, Thang Dinh, Reid Mackin, Dinh Nguyen, Cristina Ner, Anabel Yuen, Trang-dai Hoang

Fr. Phi led the council in an opening prayer.

Generation to Generation Campaign Purpose and Timeline

Art and Annette explained the Generation to Generation Campaign which is a five-year campaign with the Archdiocese of Chicago that is similar to the To Teach Who Christ Is campaign from several years ago. The campaign goal is to raise \$300 million to be used to strengthen local parishes (\$100 million), spiritually renew our parishes (\$60 million), support our priests (\$100 million), and assist vulnerable communities (\$40 million). Our Holy Child Jesus Parish is \$745,000. All monies pledged up to \$745,000 will be split equally between the parish and the Archdiocese. Additional money pledged between \$745,000 and \$1,490,000 will accrue 80% to the parish and 20% to the Archdiocese. Any amount over \$1,490,000 will accrue entirely to the parish. As of February 27, HCJP had raised \$174,000 which is 23% our goal (12 gifts with an average of \$14,500). There will be a invitational gathering on March 13 for invited parishioners at 6:00 p.m. We will serve dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. There will be two meetings following at 7:00 p.m. A presentation in Vietnamese will be in the Activity Center. A presentation in English will be in Colletti Hall (School Hall basement).

Campus Construction Work

Annette reported on the progress on work in the Convent. The large meeting room on 1 North has been completed and is in use by parish groups. Work continues on 1 South and is scheduled to be completed by the end of March. When finished, we will have three new meeting rooms in that area. Additionally, we will look at the front door of the Convent to ensure that it closes and locks properly and that we have a new intercom system so that people can be buzzed in the front door.

Summer Fest

Annette reported that Summer Fest dates are scheduled for Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20. Annette will start the permitting process in April. She will see if we are able to close Claremont for the hours of Summer Fest. Hours for each day are still under discussion, but it appears that Saturday will be a shorter day with hours from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 pm. and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. All vendors will set up on Friday. It also appears that we will have the same set-up as last year with the vendors in the Activity Center parking lot and on the east side of Claremont Avenue, although this may change after further discussion.

Assumption of Mary and International Banquet

HCJP will celebrate the Assumption of Mary on Sunday, August 17. We will have a bilingual English and Vietnamese Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by a procession around the block and then benediction in the church. There will not be a 1:30 p.m. Mass on that day.

Following the benediction, HCJP will hold its annual International Banquet in the Activity Center Gym. Food will be potluck.

Other business

Fr. Phi reported on the following events taking place at HCJP:

Lenten Mission (Vietnamese) – March 10-12

Lenten Mission (English) – March 30-April 1

Parish Reconciliation – April 6

Deanery Reconciliation – April 14

Holy Thursday, April 17 – Bilingual English and Vietnamese Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18 – English Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m., Vietnamese Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m., Good Friday Service in English at 6:00 p.m., Good Friday Service in Vietnamese at 8:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19 – at this point, we are scheduled to start at 8:00 p.m. Fr. Phi will ask the Vicar General if we can start at 7:00 p.m.

Easter, April 20 – regular Mass schedule

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27 – there will be no 1:30 p.m. Mass. Divine Chaplet in Vietnamese at 2:00 p.m., Divine Chaplet in English at 2:30 p.m., Bilingual Mass in English and Vietnamese at 3:00 p.m.

May 3-4 – Crawfish Fest

May 10 – Confirmation at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. There will be no 6:00 p.m. Mass.

May 11 – 11:30 a.m. First Mass with our new Deacon, Quang Tran.

May 16 – First Communion at 1:30 p.m.

May 24 – SVD ordination at 10:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving at 6:00 p.m.

June 6 – Totus Tuus begins

June 22 – Corpus Christi bilingual English and Vietnamese Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by a procession and benediction in the church. There will be no 1:30 Mass.

June 29 – 11:30 a.m. Mass to celebrate Msgr. Ham's 25th anniversary as a Monsignor.

Fr. Arthur led the council in a closing prayer.