

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

January 9, 2018

The meeting started at 6:30pm.

**Present:** Father David Burgard, Hugh Acosta, Donna Banker, Gay Criscio, Fred Fedorowicz, Lorie Holden, Roger Kidd (Chair), Doug Kuras, Maria Liparoto, Robert McMillan, Bernie Smith

**Absent:** Lorie Bronson, Heather Hall, Richard Janssens, Anne Zochowski

**Vision:** To Welcome. To Inspire. To Transform. To Serve.

**Mission Statement:** St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, a Catholic community of faith, proclaims Jesus Christ through prayer, worship, celebration of the sacraments, ongoing care for those in need, lifelong faith formation and stewardship of our time, talents and treasures.

**Opening Prayer:** Maria Liparoto

**PPC Member's Prayer Intention/Reflection**

**Formation/Enrichment:**

**Vicariate or Archdiocesan Report:**

Father David encouraged that all continue to explore the unleash the gospel letter and document.

Fred reported that not all parishes in the vicariate are represented at the Vicariate Pastoral Council meetings. In addition, not all of the vicariate commissions are staffed with adequate numbers of volunteers, especially peace and justice, vocations and evangelization. Parishes are encouraged to ask their parishioners to volunteer to serve on these commissions.

The Sunday collection from the Spanish mass will shared by the Hispanic Ministry program and St. Mary to help cover the costs of providing facilities for the ministry.

**Commission Reports (It was decided to skip commission reports this month to concentrate on the formation of the Evangelization Committee)**

**Old Business:**

A definition of Evangelization was provided as: "Evangelization means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. The New Evangelization refers to a new effort that a comprehensive proclamation of the Gospel to the baptized that, have lost a living sense of the faith, or even no longer consider themselves members of the Church, and live a life far removed from Christ and His Gospel."

It was stated that, An Evangelization committee not a commission, needs to be organized and formed. It is a committee that serves as a resource for the Pastoral Council and tries to energize all groups within the parish for the work of

evangelization.

The PPC will be discussing what we as a parish need from this committee, goals, and action steps to make this happen. We are required to have anywhere from 4-12 people, looking for people who have a charism for evangelization.

The question was asked about models that exist that we could look at and reach out to. Roger is going to look into this.

The PPC discussed what ways we can approach this and look at this to make a committee effective and purposeful.

Bernie recommend that we look at who, when, and where to give a target.

Roger stated that how we act and behave outside of church is something that we need to focus on as well. We need to do more reinforcement of those groups.

There was discussion on the questions of, how do we build this committee and who would make a good member?

Roger stated: We are marketing the church. We need to reach out to different groups from the church to give us their "stories.", reach out to current members of committees and services, reach out to youth group, reach out to recent RCIA converts to our faith, and reach out to other churches/arch diocese on what is being done and what is working.

The question was asked, Do we mix youth and adults into one group? Roger stated that including the youth will be important as we look farther down the road and we should invite Nancy Dietrich to a meeting and ask about possible youth group involvement.

Some other thoughts/questions/ideas shared were:

Do parish members understand evangelization and the goals of it?

The Committee needs a coordinator, and a desire to energize the parish.

What is the date we would like to have this in place by?

It was decided to have a representative from the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis to attend the next meeting and help guide the PPC through the formation process of this committee.

### **Action Steps**

Reach out to people who have joined as new or come back to the faith and contact Donna St. Pierre-**Roger**

Reach out to youth ministry and ask about attending their meeting. Contact Nancy Dietrich-**Roger**

Speak at the appreciation dinner on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Talk to Tom from the Archdiocese about what the Evangelization Committee should look like-**Lorie Holden**

Bring back what others are doing in their church.

Operational Procedures of Parish Pastoral Council (discuss new special meeting date at the next PPC meeting).

**New Business:**

Maria asked about a banner over the church entrance stating, "Welcome All." Father David responded that it is something to discuss and look into.

**Open Forum:**

No comments

**Pastor comments:**

Father David stated that one of our annual activities, CSA will be kicked off at the start of Lent and is asking the PPC for input/affirmation on starting it early. The PPC agreed to the early kick off.

Father asked that all make it a priority to be at the appreciation dinner on February 10, 2018.

Monday, January 22, there will be exposition/adoration from 1-6 and a 6:30 mass to pray for and support the promotion of the right to life for all.

Father encouraged the council to read the books given at Christmas for enrichment.

**Next PPC Meeting-** February 13, 2018

**Closing Prayer-** Father David

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Banker, Recording Secretary