

# Pastoral Council Meeting - April 27, 2022

**Attendees:** Matthew Blackwell, Elia Garcia, Eric Niamba, Jorge Jimenez, Tracy Smith, Francoise Luca, Eriko Yokoyama, and Fr. Charlie

**Opening Prayer:** Eric

## **Team Sharing:**

How's everyone doing in their spiritual/personal/professional/home life? How was Lent? How is Easter so far?

## **Business updates:**

- Recap of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter by Father Charlie
  - Overall, the numbers are looking good even compared to pre-pandemic
  - Next year Stations of the Cross (live) may be done at ACC and with a professional livestream (as opposed to doing FB live from Fr. Charlie's phone)
  - Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday was too slow as there was only one line; next year we may have a bigger Cross and four lines to venerate
  - Divine Mercy: next year we probably won't have a Mass and focus more on veneration
- New Thematic Goal for the next few months: To become the most welcoming Catholic Church in Austin; To this end, the Welcome Committee has been formed. Welcome event on May 21 and Pastoral Council members are encouraged to attend.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (kids program) will start in September for 8 AM and 10 AM; RE will update their schedule to accommodate families who are interested in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd; Little Lambs will come back also soon (timing TBD)
- Eric shared that the African Community is also interested in addressing the needs of children while attending Mass.
- Matt is planning to lead a monthly luncheon meeting via Young Adults
- Matt is interested in making MagnifiKid available for kids and checking the pricing. Fr. Charlie recommended that Matt contact the Liturgical Committee (Deacon David) before moving forward
- Matt shared that marriage prep classes are getting new energy; kudos to Deacon Phuc and Theresa for doing a good job in keeping in touch with participants
- Jorge shared that the Spanish Adult Formation courses will end at the end of May
- To be more welcoming, following suggestions have been brought up:
  - Have everyone who has a badge wear a badge when they are in the sanctuary (even when you are not serving)
  - Have donuts and coffee after Mass; an opportunity to visit outside of Mass
- Other upcoming events:
  - CDA Bake Sale on Mother's Day May 8

- Living Rosary May 10
- Liturgical Convocation May 14
- Ministry leaders meeting May 21
- Grounds Committee will be doing some clean up in May
- Gift Discernment Day Retreat by Mary Pomeroy on June 18

**Discussions:**

Who should attend the ministry leaders meeting and gift discernment retreat? Council agreed that all the ministry leaders and their second in command (next person who is most likely to lead the ministry) should attend both meetings. We will divide the list and call ministry leaders to encourage their participation.

Gift discernment retreat is English only; Fr. Charlie suggested that he and Jorge handle the Spanish portion. **Update after the meeting:** Jorge will not be able to attend the gift discernment retreat due to a schedule conflict.

**Closing prayer and blessing:** Fr. Charlie