

St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council
Tuesday May 19, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Zoom Teleconference

Attendees: : Father Ken Boller, Father John Mulraney, Kathleen Cagnina, Karen DeMasi, Patrick Egan, Stephen Alfieri, Michelle Jung, John Karle, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Ron Oberdick, Belinda Conway, Andrea Foley-Murphy

Opening Prayer: Patrick Egan

1. Pastor's Report:

- **Sunday Mass Livestream**—continues to be well received, getting notes from all over the country—as far as California. 30-50 people view daily masses. Sunday live broadcast averages 600 live viewers, but close to 2000 view the video by end of day. Venmo has shown to be an effective and easy way for people to make contributions.
- **Lent and Easter Liturgies**—live streams were very well done and well-received.
- **Ongoing parish community life**—Luz Marina Diaz has become a zoom expert, hosting several groups/events each week. A lot of community building initiatives happening independently with different groups.
- **Discussion of in-person Mass/Event Restoration**—initial discussions starting with parish staff to envision what it will look like with proper social distancing. Archdiocese has offered helpful guidance. Baptisms & smaller weddings (25-30 people) may begin before end of June
- **Pentecost Sunday**—Fr. John Mulreany will take his final vows.
- **Discussed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021**- Various projects including elevator upgrade under review

2. Review of Current and Possible Future Projects

- **Neighbors Ministry**—An abundance of volunteers, all going smoothly, allowing effort to continue on its own.
- **10th Anniversary of Church Restoration**—plans underway for a commemorative video made up of parishioner contributions.
- **Oral History**—Efforts continue to coordinate an oral history of Xavier, outreach to interested ministry leaders & parishioners underway. .
- **Family Faith project**—Andrea Foley Murphy updated on project to create cards to be sent to people who need support—front line workers,, people with other COVID-related challenges
- **“Deliver Us” podcast group meetings**—postponed to end of June & mid-July—investigating a combination of in-person meetings that can also include remote/zoom participation
- PC will explore assistance for parishioners in financial and other distress due to the pandemic.

3. Update on Racial Justice Initiatives

- Continuing book group, reading “Stand Your Ground,” met 3x and has gone well.
- Plans forming to: Approach racial justice from an environmental perspective, focus on protecting voting rights, and engage with church leadership regarding political content at recent live streamed mass.

4. Review of PC Discernment Process

- A letter from the P.C. was sent out to parishioners informing of changes to discernment process.

5. Spiritual Directors Formation Program Update

- Advisory board has re-formed, surveys of previous students are planned, results of which will provide a path moving forward.

6. New Business

- Idea of a digital town hall was discussed, and will be further investigated

Closing Prayer: Pat Egan