

# St Joseph Catholic Church

Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting

**May 17, 2023**

## **Present were:**

Fr. Brian Eilers (Pastor)  
Al Flores (President)  
Lis Soto (Secretary)  
Leanne Southerland

Matt Rice  
Michael Alexander  
Taylor Schroll  
Anna Damian

Donna Hannus  
Christina Robertson  
Lorian Dusek  
Marcel LeJeune

## **Extra visitors were:**

Summer Seminarians: Nahum Rodriguez and Jorge Cavazos introduced themselves.

Ablaze Ministers: Brian Baudoin, Truely Nguyen, and Carlos Sanchez spoke about current progress in youth ministry and future goals. They focused on prayer this past school year. Adult volunteers also grew from 4 to 15 this year. They hope to engage more parishioners in youth activities as **consistent** volunteers with multigenerational involvement. Christina R. asked about how they will communicate their needs. Flocknote and weekly bulletin were recommended. 2023 Summer Ablaze missionary will be Emily.

## **Opening Prayer**

Liturgy of the Hours Evening prayer was led by Father Brian at 6:04 p.m., after introductions. Many contributed to the intercessory prayer.

## **Our Discipleship Pathway**

Father Brian presented an edited version of the Discipleship Pathway Graphic. There was no discussion due to limited time, so feedback was invited by email to Fr. Brian.

## **Pastoral update by Father Brian**

Father Brian asked for feedback on the **Parish Festival** on Mother's Day May 14, 2023, at the Expo. Did we accomplish our goal to build community and raise money? How can we be more intentional with our BHAG (goals)? Discussion mentioned that technology and QR codes excluded some older parishioners. But using technology helped us capture contact information that should be used wisely to promote "mission" programs like Alpha, Foundations, Quads and Life Groups. Adding a ministry (Alpha) table, name tags, more "thank yous" and music were among the suggestions. Father Brian asked for a consensus about keeping the annual festival on Mother's Day at the Expo Center or finding another location in order to go back to the first weekend in May for the feast day of St. Joseph. PC consensus was to move the date back to the first weekend in May.

**New Business (Future Events):**

Next Foundations session begins Thursday June 8th, 2023

Next Alpha session begins August 20th, Sundays at 12:30pm Celebration Reunion is June 4th at 6:30pm

New Associate Pastor, Father Roopesh will arrive on June 30th. Donuts will be offered after masses to welcome him. He is arriving from India.

Father Will's Goodbye will be celebrated on the weekend of June 17th and 18th with a nice dinner (Saturday) and potluck lunch (Sunday).

Father Sis will be celebrating the 9 and 11 Mass at St. Joseph on July 2nd.

2023 Vacation Bible School expecting 200 children on June 12-16. Needing volunteers.

**Discussion Question**

What is the best way to invite legacy giving to our parish and school? Discussion centered on motivations for giving, tax benefits, and processes used in other dioceses. Explaining our mission, goals and 10-20 year vision may help people want to invest money and time to be part of our bigger mission so that the church will be vibrant for future generations of Catholics. It may be good to include a physical vision of the parish in 20 to 50 years and for the entire BCS community.

**Closing Prayer led by Father Brian.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:32

Our next Pastoral Council meeting will be Wed June 21, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted by Lis Soto, Secretary