

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2022

7pm

Attending: Fr. Ernest, Tim Malone, Rachel Watson, Mally Mason, George Minson, Katie Johnson, Melissa Pakurar

Absent: Angel Martinez, Dixie Favale, Cathy Laskowski

Guest: Pat Clement & Linda Mingos

Pat presented on the upcoming Synod beginning October 2023. She explained to PPC what a Synod is and how it came about. This Synod will last in our community for approximately 3 weeks. Pat gave PPC the handout, A Parish Leader's Guide and all reviewed. Between now and March 28, 2022, the parish will hold small listening session asking approximately ten, (10) questions.

Katie then spoke up and let PPC know a Synod committee had been formed and Fr. Ernest, Katie, Linda, and Pat currently make up the committee. This committee is working in conjunction with the Diocese and currently reviewing the 10 questions. They would like to get the questions down to four (4) questions to ask our community can be asked One (1) question per week over a 4-week period. The committee is currently looking at have 3 sessions per week. Two (2) sessions would be in person and one (1) session virtually. Each session would consist of one – two (1- 2) facilitators and a recorder. The recorder would then summarize the session in three hundred (300) words or less. Rachel asked if the questions would be announced to the community before the session. Katie confirmed yes, they would announce and publish before each weekly session and that if people were not able to attend one of the in person or virtual sessions, we will provide opportunities for them to write their answers and submit them for each weekly question. Katie emphasized that this process is for **everyone**, even those that have left the church. Pat spoke up and stated the committee is looking for volunteers from PPC to be either a facilitator or recorder.

Rachel asked how our youth will be pulled into the process. Linda replied that Elise will be brought into the loop for middle and high school youth once she has completed the Confirmation Retreat scheduled for this upcoming weekend. Rachel also asked if the younger youth, elementary age, will be brought into the process as well. Linda said her and Katie would check into it, and both thought it was a great idea.

Katie asked if anyone from PPC was interested in volunteering to facilitate, record the meetings, collate the written responses, or help in any way? No one responded.

Katie then asked what PPC thought about the idea of having 1 in person session during the day, 1 in person session during the evening and 1 virtual session at night and to rotate the days and nights each week to try to capture the most people possible and what days, if any, does PPC suggest beginning with. Rachel suggested Monday, Wednesday, and Friday one week then Tuesday and Thursday the next week. Katie suggested a session in person between the Masses. Tim asked how many would be in group? Katie responded no more than eight to twelve (8-12). Tim asked if there would be a sign-up process before so it would be known how many facilitators were needed? Rachel asked how many people total were they

needing as facilitators and recorders? Katie, Linda, and Pat were not sure about the answers to the questions but did state that anyone who volunteered would be trained. Pat emphasized that they do not want to rush the process during the listening session. These sessions are to encourage people to share their stories but will try to limit the speaking time to ensure everyone in the group could share and everyone could listen. Rachel expressed the importance of training the facilitators properly so each person in the group can truly be present and participate. Katie then asked PPC if there was anyone that would like to volunteer to be a facilitator or recorder. Rachel and George agreed to help but didn't specify which capacity. Mally volunteered to be a facilitator and Tim said he would consider assisting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2022