

## **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Minutes**

February 21, 2019

7:00 p.m.

**Attending:** Tim Malone, Mally Dryden-Mason, Dixie Favale, Cathy Laskowski, George Minson, Rachel Watson, Katie Johnson, Fr. Danny

**Absent:** Melissa Pakurar, Angel Martinez

Opening prayer: Tim Malone

### Response to List of Accused Priests

Sr. Kathy Perssons, a Benedictine sister and counselor, along with Fr. Danny led a listening session in between Masses the Sunday following the release of the list by the diocese. Fr. Danny said it went well; about a dozen parishioners attended, and there was good respectful dialogue. There are parishioners who know some of the priests on the list given their past connection to St. Ann. Fr. Danny said that the response so far has been fairly mild, especially compared to the reaction to the Pennsylvania grand jury report last fall (perhaps because people have had time to process things).

A discussion ensued: abuse is unfortunately happening everywhere (not just the Church); unsure whether a list of accused laity and religious will be released as well; other dioceses' lists may be different in terms of criteria, details, etc. There is worry over the long-term effects of the whole sexual abuse crisis on evangelization, on people "outside" the Church or considering coming back to the Church. Katie Johnson asked whether there would be interest in having a session/meeting about how to talk to other people (or your own children) about the crisis. Rachel Watson responded yes; even if people don't go to a meeting, some resources about how to think/talk about the crisis, about what the Church does to protect children (Virtus, background checks, etc.) would be valuable. Perhaps revisiting pitching Virtus to a wide audience?

### 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Fr. Danny stated that the overall goal was kept moderate this year (just a bit higher than last year), given our current Church situation. Our goal at St. Ann is about \$37,000, and we plan to use the money we get back for youth activities for which we would otherwise have to fundraise. The diocese has stated that money from the Annual Appeal and Living Our Mission will not be used for responding to the abuse crisis (e.g., any future settlements).

### Status of Construction Projects

The building project committee reviewed the proposed contract that we received in mid-January and responded with several questions and proposed revisions. We are still waiting for a revised contract. While the food pantry building is out of commission during construction, the youth room in the school building (currently used for storage) will be used as the pantry. We are still considering options for what to do when Condon Hall is out of commission. Possibly thinking creatively about how to do things without the hall.

### Other Items

In terms of strategic priorities, reaching out to young adults was reiterated. Rachel commended getting colored pencils for kids for their Children's Liturgy of the Word activity. Katie said that there are 12 Stephen Ministers being trained right now. The group started in January and will finish training in late May.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2019, 7pm.