


St. Edward the Confessor Pastoral Council Meeting February 16, 2022

Presiding: Jean Latu

Members Present: Father Philip Smith, Bill Tally, Bob Smart, Don Estephan, Rolando Ruiz, Mary Ann Wilkinson

Members Absent: Lisa Mercurio

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS	ACTION / FOLLOW-UP
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.	
Opening Prayer:	Ms. Latu	
Minutes:	The minutes of the November 2021 meeting were approved.	
COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT		
Council Member Changes	Ms Latu welcomed the new members of the council selected by Father Smith. A sign-up sheet for contact information and meeting prayers/snacks assignments were distributed. Ms. Latu also requested head shot photos for the website to be sent by email and explored interest in small group gatherings outside of council meetings.	
PASTOR REPORT		
Membership turnover	Father Smith explained to the council that the resigned members were in disagreement with the advisory nature of the council and expected suggestions to be followed by expedited responses and actions.	
Council Function	The formation of a Pastoral Council is suggested under Canon Law 536 as a consultative body and is established in each parish if mandated by the diocesan bishop. The Foundation Document outlines the specifics of the council and is a living document that can be revised/updated by the council as needed. The focus of the council should always keep in mind Father Smith's vision for the parish of Celebrate, Serve and Evangelize.	
Pastoral Services Appeal	Father Smith queried members for suggestions on messaging for the PSA. They advised explaining where and how the donated funds will be used and providing a description of someone who benefits from the PSA locally.	
Upcoming Calendar	Father Smith announced the liturgical schedule for Lent, Holy Week and Easter is set and this year includes a Parish Mission on April 7-9 led by Father Eamen O'Gorman. Handouts were given with the printed schedule.	
Synod	Father Smith announced that six representatives have been chosen to	

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Participation	represent St. Edward's in the diocesan consultations on the topic of Synodality for the Synod of Bishops. Any parishioner may also participate by responding online to the diocese.	
OLD BUSINESS		
Evangelization Update	Father Smith reported that the second Evening of Encounter had about 150-200 participants. The speaker was Emily Wilson and the event included music, confession, personal prayer and exposition of the Eucharist. The next encounter evening will be in March.	
Pastoral Center Building	Father Smith reported that the stained glass windows for the Narthex will be available for installation in late March. The framing of the Pastoral Center is ongoing with the roof installation planned next. Total completion of the project is expected in October. The building committee continues to meet weekly.	
NEW BUSINESS		
	Included in Pastor's report.	
COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS		
Report on Evangelization	Mr. Tally summarized a report by Bishop Barron on evangelizing the disaffiliated. He stated that 26% of people have no religious affiliation which increases to 40% in the group less than 30 years of age which often is due to a disbelief in religious teachings and a perceived conflict between religion and science. Suggestions given to bring people back are involving them in charitable projects, hiring young people to lead ministries, providing useful intellectual resources, focusing on the good the church has provided for communities and continued inclusion in prayer intentions.	
Closing Prayer:	Ms. Latu	
Adjournment:	There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM	
Next Meeting:	The next Meeting will be March 16, 2021.	
Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Wilkinson.		
APPROVED:  <hr/> Jean Latu Chair, Pastoral Council		