

## St. Edward the Confessor Pastoral Council Meeting

### March 18, 2022


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**Presiding:** Jean Latu

**Members Present:** Father Philip Smith, Bill Tally, Bob Smart, Don Estephan, Rolando Ruiz, Lisa Mercurio

**Members Absent:** Mary Ann Wilkinson

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS	ACTION / FOLLOW-UP
<b>Call to Order:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.	
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Mr. Tally	
<b>Minutes:</b>	The minutes of the February 2022 meeting were approved.	
<b>COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT</b>		
<b>Council Member Changes</b>	Ms Latu welcomed Lisa Mercurio to the council.	
<b>PASTOR REPORT</b>		
<b>Pastoral Services Appeal</b>	Father Smith reported that only 100 families have contributed thus far compared to last year's total of 300 families. Father queried the council for ideas to be included in a letter being sent to parishioners around April 15-21. Suggestions included acknowledging the difficulties some have experienced during COVID and adding stories about those benefited by the PSA.	
<b>Lenten/Easter Events</b>	Father Smith reported that attendance at all Ash Wednesday services was excellent. The school field was opened to accommodate overflow parking for the 5:30 Mass. Masses and ashes were also provided to the residents of the Aegis and Fountains senior living centers. Father Smith also asked members for ideas to maximize the Easter experience. Suggestions included handing out candy after Mass, having an area around Welcoming Jesus for family photos/selfies, Easter bunny pics with kids and in church parishioner photos/selfies with priests to post on social media with hashtag St. Edward's Easter. Mr. Ruiz proposed also posting Stations of the Cross on social media and reinstituting passion plays and living stations.	
<b>Outreach postcard</b>	Father Smith proposed to develop an outreach postcard to be given out at Easter in addition to the bulletin. He feels that it is a way to reach people that are not regularly attending, to let them know that all is back to normal. Although it is difficult to know how many to print, making the card generic, to be used at other times of the year, would decrease waste. The council	

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	suggested including website information as well as Mass and confession times written in Spanish and English. They can be placed in the pews for easy access and handed out by the ushers after Mass.	
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>		
<b>Synod Recap</b>	Mr. Smart and Ms. Latu reported on their Synod participation held at Our Lady of Fatima attended by all seven parishes in the deanery and chaired by Father William Goldin and Ms. Katie Dawson. They expressed that there was an excellent exchange of ideas from each of the parishes and reports on their activities. There was an expressed desire for multi-parish events and more advertising among parishes for cross parish participation.	
<b>Pastoral Center Building</b>	Father Smith reported that the stained glass windows for the Narthex will be installed starting March 21st. Once completed, a blessing of the Narthex and stained glass windows will occur at all Masses. Father Smith toured the Pastoral Center March 7 <sup>th</sup> . Framing is completed and but only parts of the roof have been installed due to difficulty in obtaining all the roofing materials. Dry wall installation is next. Father Smith plans this month to seek continued donations/funding from parishioners for the Pastoral Center.	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
	Included in Pastor's report.	
<b>COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS</b>		
<b>Ideas</b>	Ms. Mecurio queried about the development of a young adult ministry to reach those in their 20's and 30's. She also suggested an Evening of Encounter just for school families and offered ideas for ways to increase student participation at school Masses.	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Mr. Tally	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM	
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	The next Meeting will be April 20, 2021.	
Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Wilkinson.		
<b>APPROVED:</b>  <hr/> <b>Jean Latu</b> <b>Chair, Pastoral Council</b>		