

Common Pastoral Council
Minutes from the November 17, 2016 Meeting

Members Present: *Father Mike, Father Tim, Katie Falk, Marcia Frankiewicz, Heidi Belongia, Annette Lucchesi, Paul Burgoyne, Tom Ewing, Steve Luke, Rosemary Reyes Cuevas, Jenny Mendenhall, Diane Bandurski, Jennifer Wall, Jon Kuta, Katy Borowski, Ginny Kollasch, Joe Ziino, Chris Hauser and Dave Tully.*

I. Prayer and Adoration

II. Benediction

III. Meeting Called to Order (*Katie Falk*)

IV. Parishioner Engagement & Hospitality Discussion

Marcia Frankiewicz shared the following suggestions from the Parishioner Engagement Committee as potential opportunities to increase hospitality across all parishes: name tags (*e.g.*, council, ministers and existing parishioners); new member bulletin board; special blessings during Mass for birthdays and anniversaries; printing names of new members in the bulletins; parish member directories; and coffee/doughnut Sundays.

Action Item: Marcia requested that all CPC members review the Archdiocese hospitality summary before the December meeting and be prepared to discuss the objectives they feel their parishes are currently doing.

Other suggestions from the CPC included the following: inviting new members to do the creed or receive blessings on a monthly basis; hospitality ministers could verbally announce new parishioners and welcome visitors; name tags for hospitality ministers; hospitality Sundays; including hospitality suggestions in the bulletins to encourage participation by all parishioners; providing training for hospitality ministers; recognizing/thanking hospitality ministers; developing a ministry of greeting (*e.g.*, welcoming people as they walk in the door, handing out books, *etc.*) and focusing on welcoming/making a good first impression to visitors.

The CPC agreed that the Parishioner Engagement Team would ask all parishes to publish the names of new members in their bulletins.

Action Item: CPC will coordinate greeters for all Christmas Masses at all parishes. CPC to send provide volunteers/suggestions by December 1st.

At the request of Sara Larson, the CPC provided feedback on an Advent card to be included as part of the Christmas bulletins.

V. CPC Outreach

Father Tim provided an update on potential opportunities for our family of parishes to enter into a relationship with another parish in Milwaukee. The CPC agreed that we should explore a potential

relationship with St. Michael's and St. Rose's which would likely include service opportunities, cultural exchanges and interaction at the council level. The relationship could also potentially include financial support in the future. In early 2017, a sub-committee of the CPC including Father Tim, Katie Falk, Ginny Kollasch, Rosemary Reyes Cuevas and Diane Bandurski will meet with someone from the Archdiocese to continue exploring this outreach opportunity.

VI. Communications

Action Item: Marcia Frankiewicz reiterated her request for suggestions from each parish of people willing to serve on a communications committee.

VII. Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

- OSM: "Feeding our Faith": Lunch & Community (*Fridays after the 12:05 mass*)
- OLDP: Concert Series (*Check OLDP bulletin and website*)
- THW: Assembly & Delivery of Thanksgiving Baskets (*November 19th*)
- All Parishes: Rite of Welcome for RCIA Candidates (*November 20th*)
- St. Casimir's: SPRED Mass (*November 20th*)
- All Parishes: Advent Giving Trees available (*Weekend of November 26th & 27th*)
- OLDP: Holiday Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast (*December 4th*)
- All Parishes: Ryan Kreinke will be attending Masses to provide an update on Catholic East
- Plant Deliveries – Contact Terri Balash to help out (*December 10th*)
- Communal Penance Service (*December 10th at 1:00 p.m.*)
- St. Casimir's: ARISE (*February 18th*)

VIII. Closing Prayer

IX. Next Meeting: December 15, 2016

- Agenda may be found on the parish websites.