

St. Catherine of Siena Pastoral Council Minutes

June 11, 2018

Members Present: Msgr. R. Morris, B. Langley, C. Creamer, AM Hoobin, B. Atherton, M. Ustick, S. Helton, Joe Hlavacka, S. Garcia-Olivares, D. Riley, K. Bently

Absent: Holly Andrade

Religious Clergy, Nuns and Laity Present: J. Marino, Sr. Kathleen,

7:00 p.m. Prayer by Msgr. Morris

Minutes from the April meeting were read and corrected. Motion to approve was passed

OLD BUSINESS:

* **Parish Pastoral Plan:** Monsignor Morris and council members reviewed council selected priorities for the next pastoral plan based on parish responses to the *Disciple Maker Index*. The following priorities were highlighted:

- * Changing community demographics are causing challenges for serving all parishioners
- * Not every parishioner fully understands our vision
- * Our religious education program for children needs improvement

Monsignor and council members reviewed the Bishop's Pastoral Plan and priorities based on the Bishop's Visioning Team's who developed a mutually shared Vision: "*Courageously Living the Gospel*." Monsignor asked Council members to consider how we will integrate our priorities into the Bishop's plan so that we can take ownership of our own. Although there are 9 priorities of the Bishop, we are targeting only three priorities. He will provide us direction for how to proceed in the next meeting.

Monsignor emphasized that the purpose of *Courageously Living the Gospel* addresses all people within and beyond our boundaries, even those who are not Catholic as our purpose is to "work together with our neighbors."

Each deanery will address a common initiative relative to the need in each of their own communities. The Diocese' goal is to establish 8-10 new locations of affordable housing. Monsignor asked the council to reflect on locations of high risk areas in our neighborhoods and suggested that St. Catherine's Siena House may afford an opportunity, with careful planning, for temporary/permanent housing for a family.

An additional Diocese goal is to increase participation of young people in the church community and their encounters with Christ. St. Catherine is completing the first year with a full time Youth Minister, Sherri Briand, who Monsignor has charged with developing goals that address this mission. Monsignor also reviewed the priests within our diocese who are serving in college ministry positions, including St. Leo's, Eckerd college, and USF. Monsignor would like to include among our priorities the addition of a Family director. Currently Christina Olsen has served in this position as part of her Lay Pastoral Minister internship.

Monsignor charged the Pastoral Council with reviewing our current S. Catherine Mission Statement to determine whether we want to revise it to integrate the Bishop's Vision statement or to put the current mission statement aside for a couple of years and accept the Bishop's Vision Statement as our own (Courageously Living the Gospel). Additionally he requested that the Council think about our own community and discern three things that are important relative to the poor, to cultural diversity, and to youth. Courageously Living the Gospel will be our framework as we develop our Pastoral Plan over the next six months. There will be training days provided by the Catholic Leadership Institute and Monsignor requested that council members participate in these training sessions.

* **Parish improvements:** Monsignor shared pictures of options of different styles of cubicles that will be installed in the Parish offices and conference rooms. They will also be in the Priests' offices as well as in the Nun's offices. The council differed in their selection but both options were attractive and efficient for their purpose. Anticipated date for construction is July. Parish offices will be moved to rooms #1 and #3 during construction.

NEW BUSINESS:

* *Pastoral Council Election of Offices:* The following 2018 Pastoral Council positions were elected by silent vote among the Council members:

Facilitator: Beth Langley, Vice-Facilitator: Marla Ustick, and Recorder: Keith Bently.

* *Pastoral Directory:* Council members discussed the publishing of a new Pastoral Directory and the challenges of this production. They noted that there are a number of blended families and are aware that there may be concerns about having pictures included in the directory for a variety of reasons. Other council members suggested that included in the directory should be services offered through different

ministries as well as talents parishioners have that they may offer for the community of St. Catherine Siena. Monsignor, however, **would like to put this on hold** as we have other priorities that will take precedence for now. Monsignor also suggested that perhaps a disk could be developed as directories become obsolete. It may be considered through a family initiative.

COMMISSION REPORTS: No reports are available at this time as staff are working on developing commission and pastoral plans.

PASTOR REMARKS

Monsignor shared that the St. Catherine Website has been updated and is more user friendly. He also noted that parishioners may download the website as an icon on their phones and guided the council through doing so. The updated website will eventually provide organizational charts, numbers for emergencies on property or other emergency situations (e.g: hurricanes, etc.), contact numbers for staff and Ministry leaders, and emergency resource (Duke Energy, Fire, Police department, etc.) numbers. Minutes from previous Pastoral Council meetings did not make it on the new website: Beth and Keith will ensure that all pastoral meeting minutes will be submitted to Chris P to put on the website.

Monsignor shared that the Legacy Committee is diligently working on the 40th Anniversary of St. Catherine Siena Parish, led by Bruce Geer. They are looking for photos, history of our church in its first year, and seeking people who were among the original parishioners to share their stories.

Further discussion about the 50th Anniversary Family Fest proceeded. There will be opportunities for confession, Mass, Music by outstanding Christian Musicians. Food will be provided or families may bring their own..a day filled with opportunities to learn more about our faith and to share it with others who may attend and are not Catholic. The day will be held on the vigil of St. Jude the Apostle. Bishop Parkes will preside and Bishop Lynch will also participate. The event will be live-streamed.

During this coming year, we will be focusing on diversity within our Parish and neighboring parishes. Monsignor has asked Deacon Paco to visit Light of Christ, St. Cecilia, and Sacred heart to provide a Hispanic Ministry. Deacon Paco will ask about Mass times for Spanish Masses and about other ministries that are offered in Spanish as well as other cultures that may attend the Spanish Masses. Additionally Deacon Paco will meet with leaders in the High Point and Coral Heights communities. Deacon Paco will see whether there are parishioners who worship at St. Catherine's who may be Spanish speaking. Monsignor and Deacon Paco will meet in the Fall to determine what we need to do as a Parish to serve the diverse needs of the Hispanic community.

Monsignor will be providing Father Carlos Rojas, a Cuban priest who is currently residing at the rectory, a position in the Diocese. He will be assigned to Transfiguration Church. Monsignor will provide him with a budget, health care and a car. He will have a year of acculturation and of studying English. Monsignor plans for Father Rojas to celebrate mass at beginning of January or Christmas and offer classes for children from Puerto Rico, Guatemala, and Cuba.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 pm

Next Council Meeting: September 10th

Respectfully Submitted: Beth Langley