

# St. Catherine of Siena Pastoral Council Minutes

October 8, 2018

**Members Present:** Msgr. Morris, Beth Langley, Brenda Atherton, Sandra Garcia-Olivares, Anne-Marie Hoobin, Denice Riley, Holly Andrade, Marla Ustick, Joe Hlavacka, Keith Bentley

**Absent:** All present

**Religious Clergy, Nuns and Laity Present:** Sister Kathleen, Chris Creamer

7:00 PM Prayer by Msgr. Morris

Minutes from September meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was passed.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Keith Bentley was congratulated on his recording of the Pastoral Council Minutes, much to the amazement of everyone present. That didn't last long... Keith was then promptly ridiculed for his misspelling of various names.
- **Final Parish Sacred Purpose:** After yet again much discussion, the council agreed upon the following: "We are a Eucharistic community of disciples, guided by the Holy Spirit, to courageously live the Gospel where all are welcome to come and encounter Christ." Msgr. Morris recommended that we present this to our parish community for their insight and suggestions. All agreed. Beth will submit this to the bulletin.
- **Diocese 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Faith Fest:** October 27, 2018 at Al Lopez Field in Tampa (across from St. Lawrence Parish); there is a map on the Diocesan website, many areas with vendors and two stages for concerts, large Mass and family activities. Matthew Hoobin has submitted a video to the Diocese as an entry for the Family Faith Fest. St. Catherine's will be renting two buses to transport parishioners to and from this event. Both Msgr. Morris and Father Jack will be attending the Family Faith Fest, and a guest priest will be present for 4 pm Mass at St. Catherine.

- **Parish Pastoral Plan:** Our three areas of focus are: 1. Improving the religious education of our children; 2. Challenges of our changing community demographics; and 3. Not every parishioner understands our Vision. The Catholic Leadership Institutes' three areas of focus are: 1. Youth and young adults; 2. Missionary discipleship; and 3. Family ministry. The Diocese is offering two opportunities for parish leadership team training workshops with the Catholic Leadership Institute: Saturday, 9/22/18 from 9-3pm at the Cathedral of St. Jude in St Petersburg and Saturday, 10/6/18 from 9-3pm at the Bethany Center in Lutz. Denice, Beth, Anne-Marie, Holly, and Marla plan to attend on 9/22/18 and Brenda, Sandra, Chris, and Joe plan to attend on 10/22/18...The issues that we should present to the SW Deanery are: housing for homeless families; cultural diversity; affordable housing; programs in at risk communities; alone elderly; youth and special needs; and young adults (millennials). These issues will be ranked: top three in greatest need.
- **Parish improvements update:** Construction is moving forward: an additional \$6,000 was spent to repair roof leaks above rooms 5 & 6. All is proceeding well with a six month timeline.

#### COMMISSION REPORTS:

- **Hispanic Ministry:** No update
- **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon:** September 15, 2018, 11-3:00pm, inviting the original St. Catherine's families and the Legacy Committee. Approximately 100 people in total were invited.
- **Discipleship Committee:** 18 people are signed up for "Living your Strengths" and Alpha is starting next week
- **Faith Formation:** 141 total children are signed up, 17 for first communion, 17 for confirmation and 21 for RCIA!!!
- **Justice Commission:** FAST is looking at issues concerning affordable housing and prejudice. Next meeting on Wednesday

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Annual St Jude the Apostle Medal:** Msgr. Morris suggested Walter Price as St. Catherine's recipient and all agreed.
- **Encuentro National conference:** To be held in Grapevine Texas in two weeks, Msgr. will be attending
- **Issues in the Catholic Church:** To paraphrase Msgr. Morris "*A little truth can be very dangerous. The reality is there is a "woundedness" in the Church. These are moments where the great saints would stand out. It is not a time to get discouraged, this is a time to courageously live our faith. The Bishops' message is not only there for the Vision Statement, but for our Bishops, our priests, and our faithful to come out and say that we need some real saints out here...The priests and Bishops are angry at those who made these decisions. We need to focus on the victims and their healing, on the Church and its healing, on the perpetrators and their conversion and their return to God...to not commit the same mistakes again, but to do our best to prevent it from ever happening again. We need to pray as a community...how do we pray? What is going to be best for our community? Listen to the voice of the USCCB, and to their National Review Board. They are recommending that there should be a Lay Review Board to review reports and make recommendations to the USCCB, to have a hotline and review complaints. Try to support our young Bishop. Pray for him. Prayer leads us to action. Prayer leads us to holiness. It doesn't lead us to war. It leads us to find Christ in these moments of our life.*"

**Next Council meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Closing prayer**

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40pm**

**Respectfully and painfully submitted by Keith "Hunt and Peck" Bentley**