

Minutes from Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting/Leadership Night April 18, 2018

PPC members in attendance: Fr. Kevin Gillespie, SJ (Pastor); Cecilia Boudreau (PPC President); Ellen Toups (PPC Vice President); Paul Maco (PPC); Kevin and Kathleen Coogan (PPC); Chris Hannigan (PPC); Christopher Hale (PPC); Jim Thessin (PPC); Kenny Kraft (PPC); Carlos Salinas (PPC); and Linda Arnold (PPC).

Parish priests and staff in attendance: Fr. Bill Kelley, SJ; Fr. Paul Campbell, SJ; Karelia Pallan; Kerri Edwards; Martina O'Shea; Angela Grady; Kathleen DeJardin; Lisa Dittmeier; Ashley Klick; Judith Brusseau; Charlie Hennessy; Rock Schuler; Kate Tromble; and David Pennington.

Committee members and other parishioners/guests in attendance: Nancy Nellis; Richard Podulka; Marsha Echols; Roger Sullivan; Maureen Coburn; Diane Oakley; Tom Strike; Bryan Walsh; Paula McCabe; Therese Wreste; John Kneuer; Tom Woodley; Pilar Londono-Kent; Joe Debrino; Constance Herron; Sue Blain; Christine Jacobs; Amanda Erickson; Marianne Lyons; Beth Gray; Marylou Shiels; Jimmy Ervin; Katie Randall; Tracey Gray; Diane Kelly; Karen Onthank; Jose Jimenez; Susan Kral and others.

After the call to order at 7:00pm, Kevin and Kathleen Coogan delivered the opening prayer, and Cecilia Boudreau provided the welcoming remarks and overview of the evening as planned.

Fr. Gillespie delivered the Pastor's Remarks, using the attached PowerPoint Presentation titled "Holy Trinity Catholic Church: Matrix of Parish Ministries." Using the presentation, Fr. Gillespie provided updates on the parish ministries, such as the following:

- Holy Trinity School (HTS) - the 7th and 8th grade math team tied for first place with Sidwell Friends at a recent city-wide competition, beating St. Alban's and about 20 other schools; athletics are strong at HTS and the administration is working to connect with alumni and parents to develop a database and archival interest.
- Ignatian Spirituality - former Holy Trinity pastors laid the groundwork for lay ministry that now coordinates gatherings that enhance collaboration of Ignatian spirituality.
- Parish Life - Holy Trinity has instituted "Welcome Sundays" and "Parish Connections" to be more welcoming to old and new parishioners; also offer pilgrimages to the Holy Land and other sites.
- Religious Education and Faith Formation - Over 720 students are enrolled in the RE program which also offers quarterly parent prayer groups and 3-5 year-old Bible study programs; Judith's team will be receiving a national Wineskin award for the Shepherd's Flock program.
- Social Justice - hosted a series titled "Building Your Toolbox of Justice," also provided an update on the Cheikos family, March for Our Lives participation, continued support for sister parishes in Haiti, as well as visits to the Kino border, among other activities and goings on.
- Stewardship - Fr. Gillespie provided statistics related to financial giving.
- Worship - Fr. Kevin gave statistics that are uncommon in many other parishes, such as the number of baptisms (194 children/7 adults) and weddings (88) compared to funerals (38).

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Fr. Gillespie then asked for questions, but there was none. He then read the following three questions to be answered during this meeting:

- (1) How does Holy Trinity encourage the giving of time and talent (volunteer support for the parish)? What are our successes? What are our challenges?
- (2) How does Holy Trinity encourage the giving of treasure (financial support of the parish)? What are our successes? What are our challenges?
- (3) How does Holy Trinity welcome all who wish to worship with us regardless of race, age, gender identity, or marital status? What are our successes? What are our challenges?

At this point, Fr. Gillespie turned the meeting over to Cecilia Boudreau to explain the evening's brainstorming exercise. She explained to the group that these three questions were meant to touch across the parish community and impact all of us, but they are not part of any effort to replace the work of any committees. She reiterated that we cannot answer the questions in one meeting, but the group's responses will help to inform and guide the PPC by framing what is important to the Parish community. When asked how the PPC arrived at these 3 questions, Cecilia explained that the PPC has discussed general questions like these - but not necessarily these specific questions - over the last few months. These questions were pulled from the general iterations and discussions of these general themes.

The participants were then divided into 5 tables with at least one PPC member at each table to take notes reflecting the group's discussion of one of the questions above. Each table focused on only one question. After a prayer and 3 minutes of silence, the table groups began discussion of each assigned question. After about 15 minutes, each group reported out a summary of their discussion. The specific suggestions of each group will be reviewed by the PPC and then put into a recommendation to the Pastor.

Once this portion of Leadership Night was completed, Kevin Coogan and Chris Hannigan discussed the need for candidates in the upcoming PPC elections and welcomed anyone interested to attend the May 16 PPC meeting. Also, they noted that applications are due between May 13-27 and a vote is scheduled to take place between June 2-10.

After a closing prayer, the meeting concluded.

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