

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
April 13, 2021

Meeting called to order: 6:02 PM

Council members present via Zoom:

- Father Robert, Will Avitabile, Catherine Vidaurri, David Nelson, Susannah Nelson, Steve Andreatta, , Reggia Desmond (late)
- Vince August resigned from the Pastoral Council. We thank him for his time with the Pastoral Council and wish him well.

No Finance Council Liaison member present.

Opening prayer – Steve Andreatta – Prayer reading from Issiah

March 2021 Pastoral Council Minutes approved.

Opening Comments

- We launched into urgent questions about the Ouimet kids, since we were not willing to wait to that part of the meeting to find out, but quickly got back on track.
- Father shared the weekly collection of the previous Sunday was well over 12K\$, which he attributed to Masses being completely open without restriction any more, and everyone feeling relieved and joyful about it.
- He also reported that the Ministry Fair online is going well, with one per week being comprehensible and not too much information at one time.

Ministry Spotlight – Reggia Desmond

- Currently 8 Ministry Presentations have been posted via Flocknote, including this week.
- Approximately 50% of the Ministry Presentation Flocknotes are being opened and of that approximately 30% of the Ministry presentation links are being opened.
- A reminder email was sent to Ministry Leaders who haven't participated in the Ministry Presentation offering assistance with designing a presentation for their Ministry.

Parish Survey – Susannah and David Nelson

- Father Robert thanked Susannah and David for doing a great job on the Parish Survey.
- Dave and Susannah presented the final report of the survey responses.
- The final count of participants was 210: 189 people took the survey online, and 21 turned in completed hard copy surveys. It is not possible to determine whether or not more than one member of a household completed the survey, so the 210 number solely refers to the number of people who completed the survey, not the number of households who completed the survey.
- Doing a point by point recap of the Survey to which we all contributed our feedback, and we took a closer look at parishioners' comments, many very positive and helpful, but a few negative/concerning ones, which individuals David surmised as (As we all often do) having lost track of using Jesus's (political) behavior as the measuring standard by which to judge the appropriateness of our religious response to politics both in general, and more specifically the past few years. He uses this approach in teaching religion at De La Salle. Father agreed and lamented that these types of parishioner responses reveal glaringly that we as a parish have failed to educate our adults to Catholic Social teaching as taught by Jesus himself, with the result that when we attempt to do so, we are accused of political

proselytizing. Susannah recommends a text, which elucidates the Ten Principles of Catholic Social Justice, and Father emphasized there are at least 6 principles in that text that need to be addressed by Adult Education in our parish.

- Susannah explained that the "pictorial" report - the one with graphs and charts - included the responses that came from the hard copy surveys that people filled out and turned in to the parish office. Unable to find an effective way to transfer the "free response" statements from questions #15 and 16 on the hard copy surveys into the SurveyMonkey/Excel report, so those answers were submitted separately in a Word document.
- Catherine had made an overview of the survey results as a whole, smoothing numbers into trends, and trends into a narrative, which Susannah said, may be of use to her in the near future as we continue to work with important indicators in the survey.
- The results were discussed, and it was noted that the results did not vary much from the initial report that was provided at the March Pastoral Council meeting.
- It was decided to write a Summary Report of the survey results to share with the parish community.

Mission Alignment Project – Father Robert

- Father asked us to be well aware of a short article/announcement in the April 19 issue of The Voice, and which is posted on the Diocesan website, titled the Mission Alignment Project, which calls forth "...a missionary impulse to (be) capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structure can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's work rather than for her self-preservation." Father registered concern that it did not enlist the expertise of any clergy in East County, and that it was not clearly and accessibly meaningful in its reading.
- Article can be located in Father's April 4, 2021 insert, page 5.

Six New Year's Resolutions – Father Robert

- Document was sent ahead of meeting for all to read.
- Father Robert quickly reviewed; which he had also reviewed with Pastoral Staff.
- Group discussed ideas to continue St. Ignatius' out-reach in our community and how to educate people to become evangelized.

Parish Update – Father Robert

- Funerals for Pat Prejza and Paul Schmidt were held.
- First Communion will be conducted one for St. Ignatius and one for St. Peter Martyr our sister Parish.

Calendar of Events

Closing Prayer – Catherine Vidaurri

Next Meeting – **May 11, 2021**
6:00 p.m.
St. Ignatius Church

Opening Prayer -- Catherine Vidaurri
Closing Prayer -- Father Robert