

St. Patrick Co-Cathedral Pastoral Council Meeting

22 Apr 2020

Present: Deacon Lee Stroman, Larry Purcka, John Hazenberg, Fr. Marek Pisarek, Nara Dapilos, Angela James, Dan Costache

Regrets: Debra McGee, Roberta Giroux, Sylvia Masongsong, Lea Barbosa,

- (1) Opening Prayer – Fr. Marek led us in prayer
- (2) Old business –
 - (a) Flocknote and Word on Fire
 - (i) Program was introduced at last meeting, to send increased information to large masses, SPCCP has a databank of parishioners. After a 2 month trial period, Deacon Lee can say this program allows flexibility in communicating and scheduling. It provides access to HD resources on evangelization. Cost is based on the size of our mailing list and works out to about 10c/email address a month. Currently our cost is about ~\$75/mo. We have approx 770 addresses in our database.
 - (b) Sacrament Preparations First Communion, Confirmation
 - (i) First Communion Program is completed, Confirmation preparation was suspended due to COVID but is set to restart this week.
 - (c) Donation from ESPHS in appreciation of their efforts at Christmas towards the roof fund
 - (i) Deferred – this discussion and any movement forward on hold due to COVID pandemic Will be forwarded to Finance Commission for action.
 - (d) March Retreat
 - (i) Was well attended and could be considered for future annual sessions as available
- (3) New Business –
 - (a) Roof replacement update
 - (i) Feb was last interaction with Unico where \$100K of material was purchased is stored in their yard. Difficult position at this point since we need to move forward but no Sunday collection to assist with contributions. We may have to go into savings since we are in a surplus. May and Jun is the original expected start date. Stantec Engineering in process of providing their input with the added load (ie. Insulation).
 - (ii) Pastoral council role
 - 1) Define our function, and how to move this forward. Consider ways to evangelize – what’s working, what can improve.
 - 2) Ideas:
 - a) Consider live streaming of daily prayers in the evening.
 - b) Consider online rosary weekly.
 - c) Continue live streaming of mass weekly
 - d) Consider when PH measures soften, to begin doing sacramental mass outside
 - e) Phone or other outreach to parishioners and families for wellbeing
 - (iii) Sacramental Prep – Marriage and Baptism

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- 1) Clear messaging on way forward. Currently on hold but options for way forward was discussed, including online sessions through a virtual platform.
- (iv) Contributions through online donations to church
 - 1) An account with Canada Helps, an online charitable donation site, has been setup. Parishioners can now go online to make donations to the church. Charitable receipts are automatically made.
- (v) Feedback on zoom process
 - 1) Positive feedback from members.

Closing Prayer – Said by Deacon Lee

Next meeting – 20 May 2020

Meeting adjourned at – 2020hrs