

April 2021 Pastoral Council Meeting Summary

Financial Report: The January and February collections/expenses were reviewed. There was nothing out of the ordinary discussed.

Commission Reports: The only detailed report came from **the Education and Formation Commission**. Lead St. Joseph School Principal Matt Tucker said the school enrollment remains at 498 students. Work on the budget for school year 2021-22 continues. He noted that the open position for the departing K-12 Academic Interventionist has been filled. At present, there were no other openings in need of filling. The annual grant that school receives for technology expenditures has been received. The grant makes it possible to keep those expenses from affecting tuition costs. The latest information Mr. Tucker had is 32 out of the 40 kindergarten enrollment spaces for the coming school year have been filled. There was a meeting with Preschool personnel and Administration officials to discuss the remaining details left to bring the Preschool under full SJS supervision. That should occur by the start of the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Tucker expressed his gratitude for the church's school subsidy which also helps keep tuition costs at an affordable level.

New Business: Mr. Tucker provided a detailed report on the High School Capital Campaign. He reiterated that the \$1,000,000 pledge from the St. Joseph Flea Market had gotten the fundraising to the 80% of construction costs figure that's required by the Diocese before groundbreaking can get underway. In spelling out the projected costs, Mr. Tucker made it clear his figures are for "the dream school" we'd hope to have if everything falls into place. In building projects such as this, which are tied to pledge fulfillment, expectations can sometimes fall a little short. It's now estimated the cost of the high school building itself would be \$8.6 million. Demolition of old buildings, purchase of new furniture and fixtures, and architectural fees, etc., raise the cost to \$10.7 million. The final bids for construction are expected by April 15. Any construction project that costs over \$3.5 million must receive Vatican approval. The push is to get that approval in May with a 13-month construction schedule starting in June.

Pastor's Report: Father Tony is pleasantly surprised the way things are slowly moving back to normal as far as COVID restrictions are concerned. He said we're getting closer to the end of the pandemic and he's grateful everyone has been doing their part in persevering through this period. Father was especially glad to see the St. Oscar Romero Community in Greenbrier back in its facility. Given it was shut down for a year, he sees growth out there once again as people realize the facility is now available to them.