



St. Clement Pastoral Council  
Minutes  
April 15, 2021

**Members Present:** Fr. Mike O'Brien, Suzie Coffey, LeeMarie Bocanegra, Ines Crispin, Mary Knox, Jassiel Perez, Mike Sluga, Lourdes Villanueva, Gary Runkles, Ceil Herrmann

**Absent:** Enrique Lara, Chuck Luke, Carol Rodriguez

This meeting was conducted on "Zoom".

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Suzie Coffey

**1. Personal & Prayer Time:** Members talked about their favorite memory from this year's Holy Week. Some were happy to see more people attending services. Happy to see the Baptisms at Easter Vigil. Enjoyed Easter Dinner with family. Holy Thursday music by combined Choirs. Large attendance at Sunrise Mass, felt more normal. Washing feet both in person and virtually - very prayerful, somber, and powerful.

**2. Spirit Prayer:** Members recited the "Spirit Prayer" in both English & Spanish.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of March 18, 2021 were approved.

**4. Pastor's Report:** Fr. Mike sent his report to all members prior to the meeting. It is attached to these minutes. The following items were discussed:

**I. How we are implementing our Hedgehog**

**#1. Good Shepherd Neighborhoods:** Plans are being finalized. Teresa Cole and Paula Herlock will be getting their L.P.M.I. certificate, and this is their major project. A software program called Mapline will be incredibly helpful.

**#2. Youth Ministry Task Force:** Will report at our Council meeting in June. Planning a workshop.

Fr. Mike asked that we pray for these 2 incredible projects.

**II. Activities of our Parish Family**

**#2. Obligation to attend Mass:** Bishop Parkes has announced that the obligation to attend Mass will resume on May 22, 2021. Fr. will be asking the Diocese for more information on how to implement social distancing and safe practices for attending Mass. The most attendance is at the 9:00 a.m. Spanish Mass. May have to simulcast the Mass in Cronin Hall. Members were asked their thoughts. There is concern about the rise in numbers of younger people being sick. We may have some sections of the Church use the 3 feet distancing, and other sections stay at 6 feet. Lourdes reported that among the Latin culture, the people believe that the Church knows everything, and they will follow. Also, more education is necessary. This is a serious decision that needs a lot of consideration.

**#3. Confirmation:** Bishop Parkes will be here for Confirmation on Sunday, April 25, 2021.

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## 5. New Business:

1. **Revamping the Pastoral Council Committees:** The Recording Secretary and Chair will get a copy of the most recent update of the Assessment Committee Guidelines to the members. At our May and June meetings, these will be discussed and needed changes will be made.  
The Guidelines for the Communications Committee will be discussed at a later date.
2. **Leadership Team Reports:**  
Gary reported that some members of the Finance Council met with Chad from INJOY on March 25, to discuss putting together a playbook and brochures. A workshop is being scheduled on May 22 to continue these discussions.  
Ines reported that the Ministry Coordinators are working on making sure that ministry leaders are getting guidelines and "cookbooks" done. A retreat is set for Feb. 5, 2022. An Appreciation Dinner for ministry leaders is being planned. Leadership Training is going forward.  
Fr. Mike reported that the Staff is working on how to get more people involved in volunteering. Putting together a handbook of volunteering, which will be finished, hopefully, in August.
3. **Update on Discernment Process:**  
Suzie reported that there are 4 people interested. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was March 25, 2021, and our last meeting is April 29, 2021. Fr. Mike reiterated that his appointment to the Council will be used so that the demographics of the Council reflect the Parish membership.
4. **June Appreciation Dinner:**  
The Secretary will send out copies of the responsibilities of members for the "Thanks and Welcoming" Dinner on June 6, 2021. Details will be discussed at the next meeting.
5. **Dynamic Catholic Update:** The Spanish version of the Mother Teresa book are gone. We still have English copies.

## 6. Review Action Items:

The Recording Secretary will add new items from this meeting. All unfinished items were reviewed and updated. Items discussed:

- #164 - Revamp Committees Guidelines will be discussed at May & June 2021 meetings.
- #160 - Fr. Mike is discussing with Fr. Rafael explaining the Parish Assistance Program to Spanish Parishioners.
- #143 - Fr. Mike & Fr. Rafael will do a "walk-through" Mass in the Summer of 2021 and emphasize the importance of participating in the Living Eucharist at Mass.
- #135 - Carol asked Erin to post pictures showing procedures for attending Mass on Facebook. We will discuss this in May.
- #76 - Because there are several other "Blue Masses" in our area, Fr. Mike & Mike Sluga presented the idea of a "Green Mass", "Annual Mass for Growers, Planters, Harvesters, and Ranchers" to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of October, which is close to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It would possibly be at 7:00 a.m. to accommodate the work schedules of these groups of people, and include a blessing of seed, and animals. This may become a project of the Pastoral Council.
- #67 - Lourdes will check with the Strawberry Association, and she will plan a Breakfast after the Mass, and she said that in past years, there were similar Masses .

## 7. Committee Reports:

**Assessment and Communications Committees:** Discussed earlier.

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**Ad Hoc Committee: Succession Planning:**

Suzie reported for the Succession Planning Committee. They have made great progress on the Parish Profile which they hope to present to the Diocese to aid them in Pastor's assignments. The Profile will be a summary of information about each Parish. Fr. Mike had the opportunity to speak to Brian LeMoi, who is the Director of Religious Education and Formation for the Diocese. Fr. asked if he would do a workshop. Fr. Mike has purchased copies of 3 booklets "*Navigating Pastoral Transitions*" and sent copies to Brian who has people at the Pastoral Center very interested. Brian also said that every Parish should be doing a Parish Profile.

**8. Closing Comments:** Great meeting. Lots of good information. Loved the discussions tonight. Thought provoking. Hope Fr. Mike can get some help with the decision about parishioners coming back to Mass. Excited about the Parish Profile, and hope the Diocese will be forward thinking about the process. Appreciate everyone's efforts on the Council. Fr. Mike sent kudos to Ceil Herrmann for typing the drafts of the Parish Profile, and to Mike & Lourdes for their ideas for the "Green Mass". Fr. is excited about making contact with Brian LeMoi and our Chancellor, Deacon Rick Wells, in regard to our Succession Planning efforts. Everyone is asked to pray for Fr. Mike's throat surgery on Monday, April 19.

**9. Closing Prayer:** "Glory Be".

Next meeting: May 6, 2021

Minutes approved: May 6, 2021

## PASTORS REPORT FOR APRIL 2021

### I. HOW WE ARE IMPLEMENTING OUR HEDGEHOG

1. **GOOD SHEPHERD NEIGHBORHOODS (GSN):** This will be our MAIN EMPHASIS for the 4<sup>th</sup> HABIT: Community. Hopefully by our June meeting we will have the Timeline all set for implementation. We are using an incredible software program called Mapline that has allowed us to see where ALL our registered families are living. It was very compatible with our Data software.
2. **YOUTH MINISTRY TASK FORCE:** They are preparing for a weekend workshop, where member of the Diocesan Youth Office will lead an expanded Task Force team in developing a Dynamic Catholic Youth Ministry for Saint Clement. **Hopefully by June**, we will have a report to make to the Council. **The goal had stated our May meeting.**

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## a. Our GOAL:

*Develop a 3-year plan for the transitioning of our current Youth Ministry Program, TCDDYM, into a DYNAMIC CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY and have it approved by the Pastoral Council and affirmed by the Pastor, by May 6, 2021. The plan is to be based on: Growing Young, The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic, The Key Saint Clement Documents, Purpose Driven Youth Ministry & Rebuilding Youth Ministry. The plan is to include how our Two-year Confirmation Program is an integral part of our DCYM, and not a separate entity. The implementation of the Plan is to begin by July 1, 2021. This plan would not include our Middle School Ministry. That will be a separate Goal.*

## II. ACTIVITIES OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

1. To meet the demand for Palm Sunday and Easter we added Masses at 9 & 1pm.
  - A. **Palm Sunday:** 4PM: 145; 7AM: 152; 11AM: 248// 6PM: 244; 9AM: 376 & 335; 1PM: 400 & 141
  - B. **Easter Sunday:** 8PM: 306; 6:45AM: 255; 11AM: 329// 9AM: 388 & 297; 1PM: 392 & 144
2. Bishop Gregory Parkes announced that the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday will resume on May 22, 2021, the vigil of Pentecost.
  - A. Concerns with Social Distancing for inside. Currently 6 feet is still recommended.
  - B. Looking into Simulcasting Mass in Cronin Hall?
3. Bishop Parkes will be here on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm for a special Confirmation Mass. Admission will be by ticket only, because of the limited seating due to social distancing. Myriam our Director of YM and our Confirmation program, is distributing them.