

St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2021 (Zoom)

PRESENT:

- **Council Members:** Fr. Jim Vrba, Deacon Daryl Fortin, Bob Baldes, Mark Blaser, Steph Bray, Joan Byrne, Martin Corrigan, Ann Fisher, Ron Immesoete, Eleanor Kiel, Les Lipinski, Joe Moralez, Jeannie Moran, Deb Sullivan, Tom Sunderbruch (audio through phone with Joe Moralez)
- **Staff / Visiting Committee Members:** Christy Barnum, Judy Benevento, Dan Drescher, Pat Monahan, Deb Morse, Dan Schlader, Jan Stevenson

OPENING PRAYER (Fr. Jim) With the protests and violence we have seen recently, the opening prayer was the Eucharistic Prayer from the Introduction through the Holy, Holy, which was said for all those working to restore order and public safety.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020 MINUTES (Bob Baldes) The minutes were sent in advance and no changes were requested. Ann motioned to accept, Dan seconded, the minutes were approved.

MEETING AGENDA REVIEW (Bob Baldes) The agenda was sent in advance, no changes were requested, agenda was unanimously approved.

BETTENDORF CATHOLIC STUDY UPDATE (Fr. Jim) The council discussed the affirmations and concerns from page 3 of the November 24, 2020, report. This is available online following the “Vision for the Catholic Church in Bettendorf” link from our website. Many good insights and ideas were captured. In early February, Fr. Vrba and Fr. Crossen will meet with Bishop Zinkula to discuss the report and review both pastoral councils’ advice. The biggest unknown seems to be what the parish will be like after the COVID pandemic is over. There is a ‘Rediscovering Sunday’ initiative being formed to enhance the return to full participation by everyone in the parish when that is again allowed.

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS (Bob Baldes) Committee reports were sent in advance and there were no questions or comments. Thanks go out to everyone who contributed to the life of the parish over the past few months. Even with COVID, there has been lots of good activities that both promoted and demonstrated how our parish exemplifies the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. One activity highlight was the St. Nicholas Express event, which was a great prelude to our Christmas celebrations.

PASTOR REPORT (Fr. Jim) The parish has decided to switch to Metronet’s internet services, which provides one gigabyte upload and download speeds and will improve our live streaming. Allowing for winter weather delays, it will hopefully be installed soon. Thanks go out to Kathy Langley and Les Lipinski (parish directors) for the December “Condition of the Parish” report. We are over our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal. Even with adjustments for contributions and expenses due to the COVID disruption, our parish is still in the black. Lastly, big thanks to everyone who helped with carpentry, painting, and other work on Fr. Jim’s new house. The home will soon be ready for Fr. Jim to make a leisurely move over the next few months.

PARISH CONCERNS / OTHER BUSINESS (All Participants) The Parish Council will continue to be greeters at Mass and the “Let Us Spray” welcoming activities will continue through the spring.

CLOSING PRAYER (Fr. Jim) The Opening Prayer for Mass was said for our nation, which needs our prayers.