

## St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2021

### **PRESENT:**

- **Council Members:** Fr. Rich Adam, Bob Baldes, Joan Byrne, Marty Corrigan, Sonia Deutmeyer, Ann Fisher, Deacon Daryl Fortin, Analicia Gomes, Ron Immesoete, Kathy Langley, Les Lipinski, Kylah Rasche
- **Staff / Committee Members / Guests:** Judy Benevento, Dan Drescher, Karen Emard, Eleanor Kiel, Jeannie Moran, Mitch Narvasa, Pat Monahan, Dan Schlader, Tom Touney

**OPENING SONG:** Happy Birthday Fr. Rich and Bob Baldes.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Fr. Rich led all present in prayer for the council meeting to produce the best outcome and for parish activities, especially the upcoming trip to the NCYC, to be very successful.

**ROLL CALL:** A roll-call sheet was passed around to collect the attendance.

**COMMENTS ON SEPTEMBER 14 MINUTES:** Following the new procedure ratified at the September council meeting, the minutes were amended and approved via email and then published online with hard copies made available in the gathering space. This change was announced in the September 26 bulletin.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** The agenda was sent in advance. A report on the *Ignite* initiative by Mitch Narvasa was added and the updated agenda was approved.

**COMMISSION REPORTS:** The staff reports were sent out in advance. Kudos to the committee and commission representatives for their efforts in compiling these reports.

**WELCOMING MINISTRY:** Eleanor Kiel reviewed the history, status, and future direction of the welcoming ministry. There are currently multiple phases planned. The first will be to reinstate the welcome center, expanded to have greeters outside the doors at Mass and after Mass at the welcome station to answer questions. While the scheduling platform and process details are being finalized, we strongly encourage all socially outgoing parishioners to respond to the calls in the bulletins and Mass announcements to join this fun and important ministry. The next phase will be to bring back the many social events that bring parishioners together to enjoy fun, food, and fellowship.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** (Bob) – To make the return to the standard five stations, additional tape arrows will be placed in the aisles to indicate the proper flow of the communicants.

**PARISH PRIORITY PLAN UPDATE:** No updates were presented.

**PARISH CONCERNS / OTHER BUSINESS:** The following miscellaneous topics were discussed:

- A question was raised to the Liturgy Commission as to how to alert lay ministers to activities, such as baptisms, special collections, or additional celebrants, that may change the normal Order of the Mass. The Liturgy Commission will look into this and respond appropriately.
- Mitch Narvasa provided a detailed overview of the exciting *Ignite* initiative. He pointed out the posters located all throughout the church and passed out informational postcards, which will also be available in the gathering space. *Ignite* is an exciting and important series designed to help re-ignite the faith of our parishioners. To ensure all barriers to participation are eliminated, each session will feature lunch and childcare. The topics for each session, which will be published online, can be described preliminarily as: 1) “Saying Yes to Love” 2) “The Gift and Uniqueness of the Other,” and 3) “Give Yourself -> Discover Yourself.” Everyone is encouraged to personally invite their neighbors and friends to these sessions, presenting them with the postcards.
- Readers should note that there is a handrail attached to the back of the church pillar behind the ambo to assist navigation of the steps on the side of the altar.

**PASTOR COMMENTS:** Fr. Rich provided an overview and facilitated discussion on the following topics:

- The Year of the Eucharist will soon be upon us. We will emphasize adoration and are working with PerMar to implement fob access to the Eucharist Chapel and to increase security camera coverage in those areas of the church. We will also ensure outside lighting is in place for safe access.
- The Diocesan Appeal is exceeding expectations and we have already collected 70% of the pledged amounts.
- The capital campaign is in the planning stages; the initial Diocese goal is \$3.1M and our portion is \$1.08M. Conversations are picking back up with Our Lady of Lourdes and a committee is scheduled to convene on November 30 to work toward securing a project manager, creating a timeline, and defining the roles of Lourdes and St. John Vianney in the overall plan.
- The ‘Rediscovering Catholicism’ survey results came back with more positive than negative comments.
- The Davenport Diocese is assembling questions and parameters to move forward with the Synod. Our goal is to collect everyone’s thoughts, organize them and send them to the pope, who will use them to set the future direction. Our two parish liaisons in this process will be announced soon. Everyone should be praying the synod prayer regularly.
- The Year of St. Joseph is nearly at an end, but we still have a few ideas for the last activities, which will take place during Advent.
- People have returned to the weekend Masses to the point where discussions have begun to possibly return to four Masses.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Fr. Rich led a blessing and dismissal of the council participants.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

**LOCATION: SJV ACTIVITY CENTER**