

Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Council Minutes
April 24, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Dominican Hall, St. Clement
Approved 4/30/25

Pastoral Council Members and Staff Present: Fr. Nick Baumgardner (SNCP Administrator), Danilo Batres (SC), David Berres (SD), Jeanne Bitkers (SD), Mary Jo Bugembe (HNJ), Tom Clarke (HNJ), Mary Greeneway (HNJ), Don Holmes (SD), Tom Jetzer (SC), Donna Karr (HNJ), Michele Konrad (HNJ), Betty Johnson Macknick (HNJ), Bob Mair (SD), Mary Petrie (SNCP Pastoral and Administrative Assistant), James Ten Pas (SD) and Lori Woelfel (SNCP Office Manager, Bookkeeper, Safeguarding).

Excused:

Fr. Dennis Beltré (Associate Pastor), Luanne Bemis (SC), Mary Dalhaimer (SC), Dan Duessing (SD) and Anahi Escobar (SC)

Welcome: Chair Betty Macknick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mission and Vision Statements: Read aloud by all council members.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Nick

Personal Intentions for council members were also offered by council members.

1. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes March 27, 2025

Online approval April 2, 2025

b. Committee Reports

i. SNCP Stewardship, April 8, 2025

2. Parish Administrator and Associate Pastor Reports

a. Fr. Nick Baumgardner

Canonization Party for Blessed Carlo Acutis

While the actual canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis is postponed due to the passing of Pope Francis, the SNCP celebration will take place as scheduled on Saturday, April 26th at St. Dominic's PAC. The decision to go ahead was made due to the fact that the event is already on the calendar. There is no way to predict if a scheduling conflict would occur when the canonization actually takes place. The SNCP event will begin with Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by a short Adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church. The family friendly festivities will include a pizza party and homemade cookies as well as a chance to view the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit created by Blessed Carlo.

Seton School Principal

As the search process draws to a close, look for an announcement of the new principal in the next week or two.

Restructuring of SNCP Faith Formation

This summer, our Religious Education and Youth Ministry leadership roles will be combined into a new position: Director of Child and Youth Discipleship. This will be a full-time position responsible for overseeing the faith formation of children and youth in grades K-12. The decision was made after much prayer and discernment and in consultation with our parish trustees and Archdiocesan Human Resources. It is in keeping with our goal of responsible stewardship of parish resources as well as establishing a deeper alignment with our mission to form disciples of Jesus Christ.

The transition process will include Kate Boyce stepping down from her role as Director of Religious Education on May 19th and Dylan Zastrow's role as Director of Youth Ministry ending on July 1st. Kym Leibham will assume responsibility for our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program. A job posting for the new position will be available within the next few days.

Council members expressed great appreciation for Kate and Dylan's commitment and dedication and will pray for God's blessings on all affected by this transition.

b. Fr. Dennis Beltré

Fr. Dennis was unable to attend this meeting as he was participating in the First Communion retreat.

3. Financial Report—Lori Woelfel

- Easter Masses were very well attended with a total count of 2,288 (on Sunday only). Hispanic community attendance was 492.
- The Good Friday Holy Land collection totaled \$2,100.
- With one more weekend to go, the One Community, Two Priests, Three Parishes outreach has already collected \$18,215. The monies will be divided between Sheboygan's Community Café, North Side Christian Food Pantry and La Sagrada Familia Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- Anchor of Hope is the outreach scheduled for May.

4. Courageous Conversations

New Sound System at Holy Name

Improvements are very much appreciated. It was noted that the need for the Loop system appears to be less.

Homilies

Thank you, Fr. Nick and Fr. Dennis. The homilies are outstanding; well thought out and the content is memorable. They always provide for further reflection. People do listen.

St. Clement Buildings and Grounds

The status of the school building continues to be questioned. Details still need to be confirmed but it is likely there will be something to share with the public next year regarding the school building and parking lot (not the rectory). There is a newly formed Building and Grounds Committee at St. Clement,

5. Old Business

a. Status of Nominations for Pastoral Council Members

Pastoral council vice chair Dan Duessing is coordinating the nomination process and has been in contact with a number of potential candidates. There is one opening at each of the parishes. The first announcement will appear in the April 26-27 *Bulletin* and candidates have until the end of May to respond.

b. Collection for Kate Boyce farewell gift

A collection was taken, and a gift will be presented at an upcoming staff luncheon.

c. Guest Speaker for May Pastoral Council Meeting—Dave Biebel Calvary Cemetery Board

Fr. Nick has emailed Dave Biebel. Update: Dave Biebel has confirmed for the pastoral council meeting on May 22nd.

6. New Business

a. Upcoming Parish Events

- i. Called & Gifted Workshop. May 6-June 3, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Reini Center.
- ii. Canonization Party for Blessed Carlo Acutis, April 26, 6 p.m. at SD following the 5 p.m. Mass.
- iii. Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition April 26 & 27, SD PAC.
- iv. Seton School Fund Raiser-Casino Night May 3, 5-10 p.m. at SD PAC

An exciting auction opportunity this year: Bid on a dinner with the priests especially prepared by them.

v. Mission Trip Spaghetti Dinner, May 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. SD PAC

vi. Graduation Mass, June 8, 9:00 a.m. Mass at SC. It was noted this Mass rotates each year among the three churches.

b. Volunteer Recognition

Discussion of ideas for an SNCP volunteer recognition event will take place at the next meeting.

Closing Prayer: Betty Macknick

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Bugembe
SNCP Pastoral Council Secretary
April 25, 2025

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 22, 2025, 6:30 p.m., SC Dominican Hall

Opening Prayer: Bob Mair

Closing Prayer: Dan Duessing

Committee Reports – Due by the 15th of the month. Email to Mary Jo Bugembe, Council Secretary at mjbugembe@gmail.com