

## **Divine Mercy AFC Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2020**

Church of Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth; St. Paul, Comfrey; St. Mary, Sleepy Eye, St. Michael, Morgan

The meeting of the Divine Mercy Area Faith Community Council was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:33pm at the Church of the Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, church social room.

Members Present: Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, Andrea Boyle, Jim Hillesheim, Myron Mathiowetz, Colleen Wildt, Fr. Andy Michels, Jim Schwab, Joan Windschitl, Greg Fuchs, Mary Ann Schotzko. Word Committee: Dan Davis. Worship Committee: Sean Connolly

### **A. Call to Order**

- \* Msgr. Lozinski opened with the Evening Prayer-Liturgy of the Hours
- \* Attendance was taken and noted.
- \* Minutes were approved with correction of Clements rectory sentence removed. MSA
- \* Agenda approved. MSA

### **B. Pastor's Comments**

The Bishop is continuing Pastoral Planning in the New Ulm Diocese. Several churches celebrated their last Mass with Bishop LeVoir recently-St. John, Hector; St. Mary, Seaforth; St. Mathias, Wanda; Our Lady of Victory, Lucan; Sacred Heart, Franklin; St. Brendan, Green Isle.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic, people are not returning as thought to celebrate the Eucharist.

### **C. Worship and Spiritual Life (Christ as Priest):**

1. No report as the committee did not meet.
2. Since Covid-19 the parishes have been doing the best they can during the pandemic to celebrate Mass.

### **D. Evangelization and Catechesis (Christ as Prophet)**

1. a) TMIY (That Man Is You) will try to start up again in August or September at St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
b.) Several children have received their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at regular Masses. The hope is to have an AFC Communal 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in September for the children who have not received their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion as well as those who have.
2. It has been a very challenging time during Covid-19 for all schools. St. Michael's School in Morgan held a special closing ceremony on May 27, 2020, in the parking lot of the school. They are currently taking inventory of all their supplies, books, etc. St. Mary's School have been directed by the Department of Health and the Department of Education to develop three contingency plans to prepare for the 2020-21 school year. Governor Walz's Office, in consultation with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) will determine and announce the scenario model under which schools may reopen for the 2020-21 school year based on state COVID19 metrics by the week of July 27, 2020.
3. The final months of CCD was also very challenging because of the pandemic. CCD teachers really stepped up to the plate to make sure the children had the materials and lessons needed to continue to learn their Catechism. Wednesday, May 6, the closing CCD / May Crowning Mass was livestreamed for parents and children to watch. Dan Davis will continue to be the Religious Education Director for the 2020-2021 school year. The CCD program will follow whatever contingency plan is decided on for the school year 2020-2021.
4. Would like an AFC magazine similar to St. Mary's Immaculata. The Divine Mercy AFC has available a phone APP that can be downloaded to your smart phone that includes most information from the website and message delivery available to those to choose it. Go to [www.divinemercyafc.org](http://www.divinemercyafc.org) to download the APP.

### **E. Service (Christ as King/Servant)**

St. Paul's CCW delivered over 50 meals to the homebound over Christmas. They delivered palms to over 30 parishioners during Holy Week. Seven Sisters Apostolate continues at St. Paul's also. Many activities have been canceled because of the pandemic in all parishes.

### **F. Stewardship**

1. Budgets for each parish has been set for 2020-2021.
2. Will need to look at Divine Mercy AFC Council member terms. (2-3 year terms)

### **G. Next meeting TBD.**

### **H. Msgr closed with the Glory Be and meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm MSA.**

Respectfully submitted, Joan Windschitl