

Minutes of PPC Meeting – 03/16/2023

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory

Present – Father Joe, Paul Dufresne, David Iaccino, Jorge Otero, Rose Grieco, Katie Pomroy, Kathryn Moery, Michael Griffin, John Riordan.

Opening Prayer – Kathryn's prayer offering was devoted to her Catholic education at the Academy of Our Lady where she was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The Foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame was Caroline Gerhardinger who became a certified teacher at the age of 15. In 1835, Caroline professed her religious vows and took the name of Mary Theresa of Jesus. Her life work, helping women and children grow to their greatest potential, was the founding principle of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. An educated woman was very important as "women would be the heart of the home." Kathryn then led the council in a prayer petition and the council responded, "We Ask Your Help."

Minutes - Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed without objection.

Old Business

Welcoming New Parishioners

- Kathryn shared with the council her thoughts for an Elevated Hospitality Sunday on May 7th to welcome new parishioners after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 masses.
- New parishioners will receive an email around April 11th inviting them to join the parish event. The council will be following up with a phone call around April 18th to personally invite the new parishioners to the May 7th event.
- A brief guided tour of the church statuary will be offered after the 10:30 mass for new and old parishioners.
- Kathryn discussed having a check-in table with a special name tag for our new parishioners. We will also have name tags for old parishioners.
- The welcome committee will need to further discuss food/drinks to be served at the Elevated Hospitality Sunday and staffing.
- The council discussed the Special Intention offerings at the May 7th masses to include our new parishioners.

- The council also discussed adding this event to the bulletin starting the weekend of Easter.

Soft entry points discussion - The council discussed the similarities and differences of Alpha, ChristLife, and Sycamore. It was decided to move forward with the Alpha program. We will also look into other pathways after Alpha that may include ChristLife as an enrichment tool.

Pews update - The finance committee is moving closer to selecting a contractor with a planned January 2024 installation.

Open Forum

- The council will need to discuss the PPC discernment announcement at the April meeting.
- Deacon Kevin will be invited to our April meeting to discuss the marriage ministry.
- The council discussed the need for toiletries for refugee families.
- The council briefly discussed if donations for monthly sandwiches could be added to Assumption's Give Central site.
- The council will read Chapter 6 of *No Silver Bullets*.

Closing Prayer – Father Joe prayed for guidance on how to make our parish grow as we listen to God's holy spirit to help us bear fruit.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.