

Minutes of PPC Meeting – 10/20/2022

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 – Jorge’s prayer was dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. In her compassion for the sufferings of her son, Mary showed the depth of her love as Mother. Jorge then led us in prayer as we prayed the Seven Sorrows Rosary together.

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

Reading Assignment – The first chapter of *No Silver Bullets* focused on moving from a destination-based faith journey to a directionally-focused one, but seemed difficult for some of the council to follow. Father Joe commented on how the analytic focus of the first chapter may have contributed to the difficulty. The council decided to continue reading chapter 2 for November.

The January meeting date has been changed to Monday, January 16th.

Old Business

- **Update on Renew My Church** – After the new year the archdiocese will be training disciples being discerned to this ministry, focusing on welcoming the unchurched who are looking for direction, accompanying those who have connected with church through marriage, baptism, and Alpha to continue to move closer to Christ, and missioning; i.e. inspiring others to move toward Christ.
- **Synod: USCCB Synthesis** - There was a brief discussion about the relationship between the Synod on Synodality and its correlation with the diocesan Renew My Church effort. Both focus on listening to the Holy Spirit and forming disciples.
- **Pews** – Father Joe updated the council on the meeting he had with Klein & Hoffman, a structural engineering firm, to assess the building’s structure

ability to withstand the installation of new pews. He was told there was a possibility of problems with removing the old pews and installing new pews, but was given no guarantee of knowing in advance. Two additional bids for new pews are being solicited and they will be presented to the finance committee and PPC for approval. The current goal is to have the new pews installed in the winter of 2024.

New Business

- **Statuary pamphlet** - We will work on getting some quality pictures of the saints and Katie has volunteered to help format the pamphlet. Father Joe will add the verbiage to each statue. They will be sent out for printing.
- **Newly-registered parishioners** - John suggested greeting and accompanying new parishioners with a welcome packet and discussed the importance of getting to know our new parishioners. Katie suggested assigning a young adult ambassador who would engage with the younger adults joining Assumption parish and something similar for the older new parishioners. The council also discussed the potential for group gatherings in a more casual social event. Jorge suggested a ministry to follow married couples for a 3 to 6 month period.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - The council discussed adding additional 20-30 minute opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Eucharistic Adoration.

Closing Prayer – Father Joe prayed to be open to the call of the Holy Spirit.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.