

## Minutes of PPC Meeting – 9/22/2022

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

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

**Opening Prayer** – David’s opening prayer reflected on Luke 14, “when someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited”. David also provided a handout on the twelve steps of humility and then led us in prayer reciting The Litany of Humility.

**Monthly Prayer Leaders** – Council members volunteered as prayer leaders for the 2022-2023 PPC meetings. This is the year’s schedule - October Jorge, November John, December Rose, January Michael, February Ray, March Kathryn, April Katie, May Paul.

**Reading/ Viewing Assignment** – In light of the current emphasis on Renew My Church, the PPC agreed to read *No Silver Bullets* by Daniel Im, which focuses on pastoral efforts to grow parishes and develop disciples. The first chapter will be discussed at the October meeting.

### Old Business

- **Renew My Church** – Father Joe observed that Assumption needs to rethink its ministry. Phase II of RMC includes building a new reality, reinvigorating our ministry, and developing paths toward a personal relationship with Christ and Assumption has formed a leadership group to help with the process to develop this vision for our parish. The PPC will do more brainstorming throughout the year to assist the RMC process. The Council also discussed enabling small group discussions as a way to form disciples.
- **Creation Care Committee** – Father Joe recapped Pope Francis’ request that we all care for our common home and how we can be more responsible as Christians to protect our environment. Ray volunteered to get involved and work with Eva on this committee.

- **Feed the Hungry** – Paul updated the council on the monthly bag meal program that Assumption conducts to support CHI. Paul noted that the program currently has enough funds to continue providing sandwich meals through February and that Assumption hopes to get more parishioners to both sponsor (provide funds) and help prepare meals.
- **The Pews** – Paul updated the council on last year’s discussion of refurbishing our current pews versus purchasing new pews, which pointed toward new pews as the better alternative. Paul is following up with a Nebraska-based company that could provide new pews that echo Assumption’s traditional pews prior to the 1950s era refurbishment and is arranging a visit from company representatives to Assumption to assess the needed level of effort.

#### **New Business –**

- Kathryn suggested that we create a pamphlet describing the saintly statuary at Assumption and suggested we offer tours of our beautiful church.
- John suggested a new ministry to welcome all newly registered parishioners.
- Jorge recommended adding opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Eucharistic Adoration.

#### **Closing Prayer – Father Joe**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.