

## Minutes of PPC Meeting- 02/20/2020

Meeting convened at 7 pm in the Rectory Board Room

**Present**-Father Joe, Paul Dufresne, Rose Grieco, Beth Schuman, Don Pierini, Meghan Amend, David Iaccino, Karen Salasblancas, Matt Deneen

**Opening Prayer**-Meghan introduced the podcast "Catholic Stuff You Should Know". Highlighted was a recent edition referencing little saints for 2020. The reflection dealt with doing little things well, cooperating with God's will and alleviating anxiety about the future to allow for the circumstance of grace in every day life.

**Review of Prior Minutes**-reviewed without any changes

### Old Business

- Discussion of the chapters dealing with messaging ,the sacraments, and the differences among various parish community members.
- One voiced opinion was the different manner in which baptism was treated in this current book versus Father Mallon's view of the application of baptism within a parish community.
- Also discussed was the how our limited front space impacts on potential conversations when welcoming first time visitors. Having noted that, it is possible for conversation to occur by leveraging sites, i.e., the St. Peregrine shrine.
- **Augustine Institute:** the potential for a parish membership to allow for access to the material remains a possibility.

### New Business

- **Council Nominations:** this year we will offer two dates for the initial night as part of the nominating process. The information nights will be Wednesday, May 6 & Thursday, May 14th. The discernment night will take place on May 20th. Council volunteers will offer talks at the masses for the weekend of April 18 & 19.
- **Father Joe** provided highlights from a presentation offered at the recent Priests meeting. The projections discussed the anticipated percentage decline in parish populations both in terms of attendance and in financial contribution as we move from a "boomer" generation to generation millennial/X; the percentage decline in attendance could be from 60% to 30% of the parish population. In addition the collective decline in contributions could be as high as a 50% reduction from current levels .

- Another view offered within this presentation was a comparison of current items rated as good versus better. For example attendance on Christmas Eve is good; attendance on Christmas Day is better. Current outreach to the poor community is good, better is for members active in service in a variety of efforts to the community, weekly collections overall is good, better is a contribution from a high percentage of all parish members.
- During discussions of the expectations of next generations of worshippers, the following items were listed as the generational change occurs: don't assume, don't be defensive, don't give up, millennials may be seeking a greater sense of community, to be known and to have the church be relevant to their daily lives and to have an impact outside of traditional church activities.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** takes place on the third Monday of each month for two hours. For Monday the 16th those council members who are available will assist in this night's service. Beth will send a separate e-mail to confirm times

**Reading Assignment-chapters 42-51**

**Prayer Schedule-March 19th-Rose**

**Opening Prayer Calendar**

April 16th -Karen

May 21st-Beth