

## Minutes of PPC Meeting- 08/20/20

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm In the rectory basement

**Present-**Father Joe, Rose , Beth , Don, Meghan , David , Karen by phone, Paul ,Matt

**Opening Prayer-** The use of Icons to facilitate prayer was the predominant theme that Beth utilized for the opening prayer. Four illustrations of icons were handed out with a news story of a Chicago based iconographer on his inspiration from the pandemic. The prayer to Christ the Healer was shared with the council members.

### Old Business

- **Diversity of Church Artwork-** A continuation of prior discussion, the thought is how to include or add to the existing artwork in the physical church to be more inclusive or welcoming. Either as statues or possible hanging art, any new works would draw from the New world Saints, religious figures - one possibly was Bishop Romero, other ideas included the Black Madonna or Our Lady of Guadeloupe. Members are encouraged to consider other options and how best to update the other parishioners regarding these possible additions will be discussed at the September meeting.
- **Fall Fundraiser-** The November fund raising event will be some type of “pick up” with a shared demonstration video. While these items are being finalized; the most important effort is to encourage participation by as many of the parish as possible.

The fall event is our major fund raising effort and everyone's help will be need to make the effort successful.

- **Mass Re-opening-** As another month of services are underway, discussion was held on the experiences has been both as attendees and as volunteers who serve as Greeters, Seaters, and Cleaners. Each mass has its own character and even with a few "bumps" the overall process seems to be working successfully. The effort to recruit new volunteers is ongoing . Especially as we consider the next few months being able to give every volunteer a "rest" will be important.

**New Business-**Our prior year's theme of "Open the Doors" seems very distant from today's effort and re-opening. The theme or mission statement for this year's council provoked a fair amount of discussion on ideas without coming to conclusion. From the trials of Job, quality of mercy, healing, the power to endure, any one of these could provide not only the theme for the year but also dictate a possible reading assignment. Again this will be discussed during the September meeting.

One thought outside of the theme discussion: was to possibly add a Eucharist service for those parishioners not ready to commit to attending a daily or Sunday mass. The first Friday of the month might be an option.

The next meeting will be the 17th of September at 6:30 in the Rectory basement