

17 Sep 2020 PPC Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Fr. Joe, Beth Schuman, Don Pierini, David Iaccino, Karen Salasblancas, Meghan Amend, Matt Deneen (remote), Rose Grieco, Paul Dufresne

Opening Prayer

Meghan's introduction to her prayer detailed the Ugandan martyrs who were executed in the late 1800s, and drew analogies to the current day. The prayer noted that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.

Review Minutes

The minutes were accepted without comment.

Old Business

- Annual theme: After some discussion about the challenges and trials Covid has posed, Rose proposed the theme "Holy Spirit Unite Us All As One Family", which was accepted.

Discussion book: Fr. Joe proposed the book *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson and thought it would be apropos to a forthcoming papal encyclical. The proposal was agreed upon by the council.

Modifications to visual art in the church: Fr. Joe noted that instead of replacing statues we could add additional ones. Further discussion ensued on whether existing statues could be appropriately modified. David had done some research to the effect that new statues start in the 15-20k price range. The group also discussed the absence of African American saints but noted that several were in the process of becoming saints. Karen also proposed St. Kateri Tekakwitha, (the Lily of the Mohawks), as a potential candidate for a statue.

New Business

- Christmas planning
 - The council held a lengthy discussion about the schedule, volunteers and needed space. The upshot was that Assumption is likely to proceed with 7 masses (3:00, 5:00, 8:00, and 10:00 on the 24th, and 08:30, 10:30 and 12:15 on the 25th). The downstairs area will also be prepared for use at all masses. Reservations will be necessary for all masses, and 6 volunteers will be needed for each mass. Fr. will use the bulletin and mass announcements to get the word out regarding the need for volunteers and the imperative of reservations.

Future Topics

- Karen raised the idea of an “election mass” along the lines of good citizenship.

Planning Future Meetings

Opening prayers were assigned as follows:

- October: Matt
- November: Paul
- December: Don
- January: David
- February: Karen
- March: Rose
- April: Beth

Paul Dufresne asked if he could give Matt Deneen relief from secretarial duties for the coming year and the offer was accepted. Paul also noted that he would not be able to attend the October PPC and asked that Matt act as secretary for that meeting.

Fr. Joe offered the closing prayer.