

PPC Minutes 25 March 2021 (6:30pm-8:00pm: ZOOM)

Attendees

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

Opening Prayer

Rose's preface and prayer dealt with angels and their role in our lives and faith. Rose spoke about her personal belief in guardian angels, and chance encounters with other angelic signs. Citing Thomas Aquinas, Rose described angels as guides, protectors, and loving entities, now and in the hereafter. Rose also reflected on the described roles of Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael, as (respectively) protector, messenger of good news, and healing. Rose also cited the complementary roles of guardian angels and the Holy Spirit. Rose finished by describing the real-world experiences people have described of their encounter with angels. Rose's prayer asked for the intercession of angels in our striving to more fully know God.

Review Minutes

No objections

Caste discussion of Part 5 and assignment

Much of the Caste discussion centered on the concept of group narcissism, particularly malignant narcissism, as a pedestal upon which the Caste system is built. Father Joe questioned the author's assertion that the reflexive forgiveness evinced by lower castes was a regrettable product of the caste system, as forgiveness is a tenet of Christianity. Karen cited the real health repercussions that the lower castes suffer merely by their self awareness of their position in the hierarchy.

Part 6 will be discussed at the April PPC.

Old Business

- Statuary discussion

Father Joe reviewed the pros and cons of Rigali and Watra and recommended proceeding with Rigali, emphasizing that Rigali appears more able to provide end-to-end services. The council agreed. Further:

- David will contact Rigali with a request for a full proposal on the identified statuary; 4' statues of Bakhita and Tekakwitha, and 4.5' statues of Romero and Rother (though still unclear on Rigali access to the Rother statue) and the attendant support structures.
- David and Paul will visit the Rigali studio to discuss the proposal.

- Firming up PPC recruitment nomination process and calendar schedule

Father Joe noted several diocesan in-church relaxations of Covid strictures (ushered collections, offertory gifts), but also that hand-out cards in the back of church were now permissible and could be used to promulgate the request for PPC candidates.

After some discussion the council settled on the following time frame:

- April Mass request-for-candidate announcements;
 - 24 Apr 5:00 mass: Beth
 - 25 Apr 7:30 mass: Rose
 - 25 Apr 9:00 mass : Don
 - 25 Apr 10:30 mass: Meghan
 - 25 Apr 12:15 mass: David
 - 25 Apr 5:00 mass: Karen
- Meghan will do the announcement for that week's recorded mass

- Nominations will be solicited late April through early May;
 - A list of names will be assembled by May 5th;
 - Notification by May 10th, and info sessions on 19 and 25 May;
 - Discernment at the June 10th PPC.
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- Easter mass update
 - Easter vigil mass currently has 86 reservations;
 - Mass seating protocols will stay the same for the vaccinated and unvaccinated.

New Business

The council held a brief discussion regarding St. Clement parish's request for help with a legally admitted immigrant family of four seeking asylum and decided to table the issue until the April PPC.

Beth reviewed a webinar she attended on ideas for reengaging the parish post-Covid. The council agreed to put topics raised in the videos on a future agenda.

Future Topics

The idea of a party for church volunteers was deferred to the next PPC.

Closing Prayer:

Fr. Joe prayed that we would love all God's children equally, acknowledge our sins and ask for God's grace in helping us to see with eyes of love those who we typically don't see and help us to draw them into our community and witness to our church. He also asked for God's blessing for a parishioner undergoing surgery.