

Minutes of PPC Meeting- 09/16/21

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm In the rectory

Present-Father Joe, Rose , Don, David, Paul ,Matt, Katie, Jorge, Lucas, Anita

Opening Prayer- Matt offered a prayer written by Rev. Malcom Boyd from 1965. Accompanied with the prayer was a commentary on the benefit of humor in difficult times.

Old Business

- **Renew My Church-** Father Joe proved background to this effort from Cardinal Cupich to follow upon St. Francis's calling to "re-build my church". In the Chicago area over 300 parishes were divided into "groupings". The groupings have been activated in a series of "Waves" over the five years . Each wave drawing upon volunteers from the parishes involved met and discerning their shared path forward. For Assumption we are in the last "wave" with Holy Name, Old St Pats, St Marys, St James & St Peters. Prior to this group's initial meeting(s), the criteria for individuals to participate from each parish has to be determined. As Father Joe learns more, that information can be shared with the council as well as to the parish community.
- **Statue Update-** Dave shared photos of two of the four new statues. So far everything seems to be on track for the four to be delivered in 2022 for display.
- **Web Based Resources-** Looking at possible subscription service(s) for resources that could be utilized by various groups

with in the Parish. Jorge offered additional options one called “Formed” & the other Word on Fire. Feedback from other parish groups will help in any decision making process.

New Business-Issues with the parish website were mentioned by a few of the council members. A temporary lapse of one of the site licenses was thought to be the culprit.

Lucas shared copies of “Devotions for Dating Couples” as background to a possible ministry or group with a focus on couples and deepening of their faith.

Anita spoke of her experience at other parishes for “Anointing of the Sick”. Her observation that a healing type of service either on specific Feast days or as a regularly scheduled service to reach out to those with in our parish community seeking either physical or spiritual healing could be worthwhile.

Readings- Father Joe suggested two books for consideration- “Way of the Spirit” & “Made for the Mission” . After some discussion the group decided to read both books over the course of this year’s term.

Opening Prayer Assignment-

October- Anita

November-Paul

December-Lucas

January-Don

February-David

March-Rose

April-Katie

May- Jorge

The October meeting is set for Thursday the 21st at 6:30PM

