

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL—MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2016, 7 p.m.

In attendance: Father Ryan, Laura Angelini, Stewart Tanakatsubo, Jim Battaglia, John Ergastolo, Terry Huels, Tom Purtell, Patricia Linares

Unable to Attend: Pam Lynch, Michael Carlino

Father Ryan led with the Renew My Church prayer and an introduction as to why he asked Tom Purtell to help lead the PPC re-introduction. Father Ryan explained why now is a good time to re-establish the PPC in a synodal approach and obtain the PPC input on broader parish issues as well as highlighting that he has two years remaining on his second term as Pastor. As per the meeting's agenda, there are several areas the parish will target to initiate change and analysis, and Father Ryan will benefit from continued parish participation, leadership, and collaboration to execute certain initiatives.

Areas of focus will include the following:

1. Renew My Church
2. Parish campaign initiative to address capital improvements
3. Emergency Operations plan as mandated by the Archdiocese of Chicago
4. Continued focus on the parish school regarding enrollment, financial viability, and marketing
5. Evangelization through intentional discipleship

Father Ryan gave an overview of the **Renew My Church** status to date. Nothing has been finalized for our parish but a proposal for parish groups has been communicated as announced in our past parish bulletins and on our parish website. Father Ryan expressed that we should begin to call fellow staff resources at nearby parishes that would be clustered with St. Francis de Sales in the Renew My Church initiative and start conversations that will encourage collaboration. We can begin to discuss the strengths of grouping parishes that might benefit from our strengths and us from theirs.

Father Ryan gave an overview of the **To Teach Who Christ Is Archdiocesan Campaign** and why Mike Carlino (Finance Chair), Doug Samz (Finance Council member), Deacon John Sfire, and Father Ryan, elected not to participate as part of the larger campaign efforts led by third party paid consultants. Instead, Father Ryan opted to discuss with the Archdiocese in good faith and many discussions to operate/lead our own capital campaign.

Laura Angelini, Business Manager, gave an overview of the **Emergency Operations Plan** to date and provided a summary handout. Father Ryan said he would like to invite others to future PPC meetings.

The PPC members present agreed to begin with the possibility of inviting two members from Covenant Ministry and two members at large to start. There was discussion about the selection process. Terry Huels, Parish School President, provided insight about creating defined roles that would allow meetings to be productive and help members come prepared to the meetings with relevant input as requested/needed.

Actionable items:

1. Tom Purtell will send out the existing By-Laws to the PPC Board.
2. Members will submit names for commission representation to Tom Purtell.
3. Father Ryan would like to see input from members on the existing By-Laws, satisfactory as is vs. revisions necessary.
4. A draft of what the qualifications/criteria are for the members (i.e. what is expected and what is their commitment). Members should be valued for their expertise and what they have to offer.
5. Laura Angelini to follow up with Gallagher Bassett regarding materials for training on the Emergency Planning areas of focus as suggested by John Ergastolo.

Father Ryan concluded that some of these initiatives will impact some of our ministries, and he will be **seeking input** from the parish staff and parish volunteers in ministries to provide valued input and recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.